

Allon pact with Bonn will encourage investment here

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BONN. — Israel's Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, and his West German counterpart, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, signed an agreement here yesterday designed to protect private German investment in Israel and vice-versa.

Although the accord, which provides for non-discriminatory treatment, unhindered transfer of capital and profits, and fair compensation for expropriation, is based on mutual trust, it is expected that the practical effect will be to encourage German businessmen to set up industries in Israel.

Mr. Allon also co-pressed with Mr. Genscher over the first meeting yesterday of a joint government economic commission which discussed ways and means of reducing Israel's trade deficit with Germany and of generally increasing German cooperation.

German sources said that Bonn would consider granting financial guarantees from case to case for private German investments in Israel. The sources also confirmed that Israel will again get 140 mil-

lion marks in capital aid from West Germany this year.

Mr. Allon yesterday also met with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and conferred separately with Social Democratic Party chairman Willy Brandt and opposition leader Helmut Kohl.

Mr. Allon and Mr. Genscher continued their discussions, begun on Wednesday, on political developments internationally and in the Middle East, with particular stress on the crisis in Lebanon.

Israeli sources previously described the atmosphere at the outset of the talks here as "pleasant and warm." In dinner speeches on Wednesday evening, Mr. Allon addressed Mr. Genscher variously as "Dear friend and colleague" and "Dear friend Hans-Dietrich." Mr. Genscher spoke to his Israeli guest as "Dear Yigal."

However, this did not prevent Mr. Genscher in his dinner toast from urging Israel to "take the steps which are necessary on its side" for a Middle East peace settlement. He said that "both sides" must make concessions to achieve a mutually acceptable solution.

The German Minister spoke of "close, varied and intensive relations between the two governments."

"I know full well that this is not a matter of course," Mr. Genscher continued. "It seems to me that we have jointly taken the path towards a better future, without ever forgetting what suffering cast their shadow on the beginning of this path."

German officials have said that Bonn's attitude towards the Arab-Israeli conflict is still based on the European Common Market resolution of November 1973, which called on Israel to end its "territorial occupation," but also asserted the right to secure and recognized borders.

Mr. Allon replied that Europe could play an important role in efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East as long as there was no attempt to prejudice the contents of a future settlement. Only free negotiations between the parties concerned, without preconditions, could bring a genuine solution.

There was nothing which Israel desired more, Mr. Allon continued, than a stable, real and just peace.

Carter call for firm guarantee

NEW YORK — Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter said here that "public statements by leaders of our country in the last few months" cast doubt on America's commitment to Israel's right "to exist in peace as a Jewish state," and that commitment should be unequivocally re-asserted.

The former Governor of Georgia, who is expected to be nominated for President by the Democratic Party convention here next month, made his remarks during a question and answer session following an address he delivered before the Foreign Policy Association on Wednesday night. He said he favoured a "general" rather than a "step-by-step" approach to a Middle East settlement.

Carter did not refer to the Middle East in his speech, nor did he specify what public statements by American leaders might have cast doubt on the U.S. commitment to Israel.

But he made clear that in his view a solution of the Middle East conflict must be reached by direct negotiations between Israel and the Arabs in the framework of Security Council Resolution 242 and based on an Arab recognition of "the permanent existence of Israel" and their adoption of a policy of non-belligerence.

Carter also said: "I think we should strengthen our commitment to give Israel whatever defence mechanism or economic aid is necessary to let them meet any potential attack." Carter stressed that he would never send American troops to Israel and added he never met an Israeli who advocated that.

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fez Assad, will meet in a summit, probably after Assad's tour to East Europe, which begins today. Egypt and Syria will also reopen the diplomatic missions they closed in each other's capital at the height of a row over Lebanon a fortnight ago. They also decided to halt their exchange of hostile propaganda.

It was still too early to tell whether the renewed Egyptian-Syrian cooperation would lead Cairo towards Damascus' hardline policy or Damascus to compromise with the conflict with Israel.

Nevertheless, the renewed Syrian-Egyptian rapprochement was seen as a barrier to recent Libyan attempts to drag Syria into a radical anti-Israel camp which also includes Iraq, Algeria and the PLO. Furthermore, the rapprochement will probably have an immediate impact on the PLO which will have to decide whether to pursue its extremist line of action (with the aid of Libya and Iraq) or submit to the coordinated Egyptian-Syrian strategies. The latter countries remain committed to their acceptance of UN resolutions 242 and 338, which govern the Arab-Israeli political dialogue.

It became clear last night that the PLO could no longer play on the past conflict between Syria and Egypt. Significantly, Egypt, which has so far supported the PLO's resistance to Syria's intervention in Lebanon, yesterday adopted the Syrian policy: Arab League policing of a truce in Lebanon, negotiations between the Lebanese protagonists and containment of the PLO under agreements concluded with the Lebanese state.

Meanwhile, in Beirut, the PLO said that its forces and their left allies were locked in fierce fighting with Christians around the refugee camps of Tel el-Zaatar and Jist el-Pasha east of the Lebanese capital. Radios supporting the rival factions broadcast contradictory reports on the extent of the fighting, though both sides agreed that the situation was deteriorating rapidly. Syrian and Libyan "peace-keeping" troops belonging to the Arab League's joint Arab force manned other sections of the city, including the airport.

The Christian Minister of Interior, Camille Chamoun, who was last week named Foreign Minister by President Suleiman Frangieh, last night said he was considering a broad reshuffle of Lebanon's diplomatic corps. Moslem Premier Rashid Karami on his part rejected the announcement and suggested that Frangieh's move could be a step towards the partition of Lebanon.

Safad treatment for Lebanese

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — Forty-five Lebanese men, women and children, have received treatment in the Government Hospital here, according to its director, Dr. Shmuel Mashiah. He told The Jerusalem Post that over IL42,000 had been spent on care over a period of 527 hospital days. The fees for the patients, who included expectant mothers, had been covered by the Defence Ministry.

He revealed that in a few cases the patients had returned for further treatment after going back to Lebanon. "They all very much appreciate Israel's humanitarian gesture." Relations between the Lebanese "guests" and "ordinary" Israeli patients in the hospital had been good throughout, he said.

More than 150 Lebanese, both Moslem and Christian, crossed the border into Israel near Metulla yesterday and asked for medical treatment from the IDF medical team stationed in the border zone. This was about three times the number recorded in the past.

The team is now working two shifts daily in a large hospital tent, complete with a notice board on which working hours are set out, and seats for patients awaiting treatment.

About two-thirds of those who arrived yesterday were treated; others were asked to return today. An IDF officer said a plan was being discussed to ask the Lebanese patients to pay a nominal sum for medicines.

Is the wedge out?

By DAVID LANDAU

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Egypt-Syria rapprochement—depending how it evolves in practice—could lead to a major reassessment in Israel's policy thinking. The Rabin government's policy, based on the Sinai agreement, implied driving a wedge between hardline Syria and more moderate Egypt. Mr. Rabin spelled this out in a newspaper interview back in November 1974—and has maintained the position ever since.

But the Premier has always added that Israel would be more than pleased if, as a long-term result of the interim agreement, Syria followed Egypt's lead and took a more moderate stance towards the prospect of negotiating with Israel.

It is of course too early to know whether the Riyadh reconciliation will mean a swing by Syria towards Egypt's position, or vice-versa. But the fact that the meeting was held in the Saudi capital, under Saudi aegis, could be a significant pointer. Saudi is known to

have been withholding financial aid to Syria this year, with the aim of pressuring Syria out of the extremist, pro-Soviet fold.

If yesterday's reconciliation does turn out to mean a Syrian swing towards Egypt, the U.S. may well seek to seize the chance to push for new Middle East peace talks.

High-level Israeli sources predicted earlier this week that a new American diplomatic offensive was possible during this summer—and that America would be making an all-out effort to woo the Syrians away from Moscow's embrace. A success in this effort—even a partial success—would be a strong boost for the Ford Administration's election hopes.

But all this is still in the future and the present meanwhile is full of uncertainty. Some experienced sources here cautioned last night against any hasty optimism. These sources doubted the prospect of a Syrian significantly softening its stance vis-a-vis the Israel-Arab conflict.

FORD MEETING WITH U.S. JEWS

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Ford was meeting late last night with an American Jewish delegation, and it was thought he might inform them of his decision on transitional aid for Israel.

A delegation of U.S. senators who met the President on Wednesday

had asked him to increase the amount from \$200m. to \$375m.

The President was reported to have met yesterday morning with his top budget and national security advisers on this issue. However, prior to the meeting with the American Jews, there was no word on the outcome.

Hussein ends Soviet visit

MOSCOW. — King Hussein of Jordan left here yesterday for Leningrad after talks with Kremlin leaders believed to have covered the possible sale of an anti-aircraft missile system to Jordan.

A report in the Communist Party daily "Pravda" said the Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian armed forces, General Zeid Ben Shaker, attended the final round of talks on Wednesday, but no Soviet military figure was listed as present. Gen. Ben Shaker returned to Amman last night.

The Soviet side at the talks was led by President Nikolai Podgorny and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. There was no report of King Hussein meeting the Commun-

ist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev, during his visit. For Hussein turned to Moscow after a planned deal to buy U.S. Hawk missiles fell through because of the cost. Observers believe it is unlikely, because of the technical and financial complexity of supplying an entire missile air defence system, that any final agreement could have been reached during the King's Moscow talks.

After visiting Leningrad today, Hussein, who is accompanied by Queen Alia, will go to Sochi, on the Black Sea coast, for a rest. He will fly on to Amman on Monday, when a communique on his 11-day Soviet visit is expected to be published. (Reuters)



Three of the best-known women in the world, Elizabeth Taylor, left, Jacqueline Onassis, centre, and Argot Fonteyn, right, meet backstage at the Uris theatre in New York after Miss Fonteyn's performance in the Australian Ballet's "Merry Widow." (UPI telephoto)

K warns Vorster

JERSTENFELDRUCK. West many. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said yesterday he believed South African Prime Minister John Vorster understood the urgency of the situation in Southern Africa. Kissinger, who yesterday ended a day of meetings with Vorster in the seclusion of a Bavarian village, said at a press conference afterwards that "I do not think the latter has reached a point where a specific decision" could be made. Kissinger said he would send his African affairs expert, Assistant Secretary of State William Schabas, to black Africa to report on talks with Vorster.

The Secretary of State—who v to London from West Germany said he and Vorster reviewed great detail all the aspects of situation in Southern Africa

from the point of view of moving matters towards a solution and away from a conflict in that area.

A "solution in Southern Africa must always take into account... the minorities. The problem is whether it is possible to start an evolution in Southern Africa... with sufficient guarantees for the minorities. This is the essence of the problem."

Asked whether he believed the situation in Southern Africa was now moving toward resolution, Dr. Kissinger said: "I don't know whether there will be a resolution, but we believe that the process is in motion."

Washington would remain in close contact with the South African Government and would closely consult its Western allies. He said he would discuss a possible British role in the "evolution" process with Prime Minister James Callaghan in London.

Sanbar raps hasty VAT decision

TEL AVIV. — Moshe Sanbar, the Governor of the Bank of Israel, yesterday criticized the Government for rushing ahead with the Value Added Tax before making sure of its ability to implement it properly.

Speaking at the Tel Aviv Jaffa Rotary Club here, Sanbar said that initially the VAT rate should be four per cent (the Government has decided on eight). A larger rate, he said, requires a lot of officials if the tax is to be levied properly. He said he would rather have seen a small VAT which could be more easily levied.

Hitches in the transfer of tax money to the Treasury would open the tap to "black money."

Moreover, he added, a small VAT would have allowed the purchase and other indirect taxes to remain in force. "When you abolish a tax, you immediately lose revenue. A new tax takes time to bear fruit."

Sanbar also warned that the road to economic recovery was being blocked by excessive private consumption. He advised the public to follow the lead of the British trade unions, who have agreed to curb their wage demands to help extricate their economy from a situation "not much better than ours."

Printer's devil

There was no printers' strike at The Jerusalem Post or the other dailies last night. (See Page 2). However, a printer's devil did take over for a moment behind our backs changing Abba Eban to Abba Eban in the introduction to Mr. Eban's article on page 7 of our magazine.

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Social and Personal

Albert Gildred represented his family yesterday at the opening of a new Wizo day creche in Rehovot. This is one of three new day creches donated by the Gildred family and opened this week. The other two are in Holon and Sde Boker. Among the distinguished guests present was Rehovot Mayor Shmuel Rechtman.

The Haifa Maritime and Economic Club will give a dinner at the Zion Hotel at 12.45 today for the British-Israel Chamber of Commerce delegation, to mark the 25th anniversary of the Chamber's foundation. Reservations by phone, 04-511593.

Knesset Member Menahem Begin will speak on "The Political Situation" at the Haifa Engineers Forum, 1 p.m. today.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Dr. David Kolib.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem at 9.15. Rabbi Leo H. Shayovitch and Shaul Ben-Hayim of the Foreign Ministry will be speakers. Emirat: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Malve Malka programme will be held at 8.45 p.m. tomorrow, with Hayin Zohar as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lender will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

"Judea, Samaria and Israel's Security" will be the theme of a panel discussion at Jerusalem's Beit Agaron at 8 p.m. next Tuesday, by former Chief of Operations Aluf (res.) Ezer Weizman; Prof. Yosef Rom, Dean of the Technion Aeronautical Engineering Faculty and 1975 Israel Prize winner; and Tat-Aluf (res.) Aharon David, former OC Faratrop Corps and today Tel Aviv University lecturer in geography. Admission is free.

ARRIVALS

Shmuel Toledano, the Prime Minister's adviser on Arab affairs, from a three-week private visit to the U.S. and Canada (by Tel Aviv). Philip Stollman, chairman of the Bar-Ilan University Board of Trustees; Rabbi Seymour Zambrowsky, vice-chairman; and Rabbi Karel Bender, executive vice-chairman of the university's International Board of Overseas — for the annual trustees' meeting. J. MacMillan, vice-president, nuclear power division, Babcock and Wilcox (by Lufthansa). Bernard Charick, vice-president of the Hebrew University, from a visit to the U.S. and Canada, on university business.

Cities praise Mifal Hapayis

TEL AVIV. — Mifal Hapayis (the state lottery) came in for high praise at yesterday's festive meeting of the management of the Union of Local Authorities, celebrating the lottery's 25th anniversary.

"Without the IL1.8 billion the Payis has given us over the last 25 years, we would look very different from the way we do today," said union chairman Pinhas Eylon.

The chairman of the Mifal Hapayis directorate, Yitzhak Oren, described the cooperation between the lottery and the local authorities during the past 25 years. Mifal Hapayis had invested in municipal hospitals, mother-and-child clinics, youth centres, schools, yeshivot and other facilities, he said. Last year its activities were extended to cover dental clinics.

To mark its silver jubilee, the lottery will distribute IL230m. during 1976 in the educational sector.

PAINTER

The acrylic painting on page 22 of today's Weekend Magazine is by David Sharir.

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Joseph Goldfinger

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Falafel, ice cream, cookies, songs and dances by students at the Rubin Academy of Music were the treat yesterday for 120 war widows and orphans in Jerusalem. All were the guests of Mrs. Ephraim Katzir (seated on the grass, left) at Beit Hanassi. The guests are members of a new club established opposite the Ramat Eshkol shopping centre by volunteers for widows and orphans of the Yom Kippur War. Helped by Wizo, the Defence Ministry and private contributions, the club is meant as a meeting place for its members to "get out of their shells."

Cabinet meets with Histadrut: two different wavelengths

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday the country's situation requires cuts in government expenditure — but Education Minister Aharon Yadin countered with the accusation that whoever talks of such cuts is a demagogue.

Cuts mean less defence and less education, Yadin said at an unprecedented meeting of all Cabinet ministers (except Yigal Alon, who is in Germany) with the members of the Histadrut Central Committee. The meetings was held at the Prime Minister's office here.

Originally the Histadrut had planned to present the ministers with a social and economic plan. Secretary-General Yerushalmi Meshel even scheduled a press conference which was to have taken place after the meeting. But at a special session of the Central Committee on Tuesday, members opposed some of the recommendations.

At yesterday's meeting Meshel said the Histadrut wanted to present ideas it had formulated on Israel's social and economic goals, but no concrete proposals were made. "It's too big a forum to

discuss concrete matters," Ya'acov Villan of Mapam told The Jerusalem Post.

A highly placed Histadrut source thought the idea of a Histadrut economic plan was a good joke. "So (Central Committee member Natani) Ushpiz is writing an economic plan," he said, and burst out laughing.

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol criticized the Histadrut's overall policies, Israel's are living beyond their means, he said. "Are you informing the workers that if we continue this way there will be no money to buy raw materials and there will be unemployment?" he asked.

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz told the trade unionists not to compete with the "social demagogues" of the Likud (whose representatives in the Histadrut have been more vociferous than Labour in demanding government concessions to workers).

Prime Minister Rabin criticized the labour federation for backing clerks' demands to work fewer hours during the summer. Commenting on the teachers' work load, he said, "If they work half as much as the sol-

diers do — they'll have a right to talk."

Histadrut leaders, for their part, criticized Treasury plans to cut subsidies for essential commodities and its failure to collect honest taxes from all.

Some Histadrut leaders claimed the Government failed to understand their difficulties. Rabinowitz thinks he's got the same Histadrut he had 30 years ago. Ya'acov Villan (Mapam) said. But today the labour federation cannot go along with stringent governmental measures unless the economic burden is justly shared.

Avraham Hasson (ILP) told The Post that the Histadrut cannot afford to accept a change in the agreement on the cost-of-living allowance which would mean that workers' compensation for price rises would drop to less than 70 per cent. If it agrees, he said, "it won't be able to influence the workers any longer."

Rabin and Meshel agreed to seek ways to improve the dialogue. A joint Government-Histadrut forum had existed in the autumn but was unsuccessful. "It was like a talk between the deaf and the mute," one of its members said.

6 DAYS TO VAT

The tax and your mortgage

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
According to the VAT law, all payments made in property transactions after July 1 will be charged VAT. Until this week there was one exception: if the contract was signed before June 1, 1975, and if by that date 15 per cent of the price had been paid.

This week another exemption was added concerning those who take out a mortgage for their newly acquired flats.

If by July 1 you have signed a mortgage agreement with a bank, even if the payment is to be made after July 1, this payment is exempt from VAT. However, to obtain such an agreement with a bank, two prior conditions must be met: The buyer must have obtained an "eligibility certificate" from the Ministry of Housing and he must have already signed a contract to buy the flat.

VAT IN THE AREAS

Strictly speaking, VAT will not be imposed in the administered areas. The existing taxes there will be increased so as to bring them up to par with taxes in Israel.

After the merchants in the West Bank opposed the higher taxes, the Military Governor agreed to the following modifications:

- Businesses with a turnover of less than IL75,000 a year will be exempt from the higher taxes.
- Businesses with a turnover of less than IL350,000 per year will have to keep books only as of April 1977.

West Bank merchants who threatened to strike on July 1 will meet in Jerusalem on Tuesday to decide on this issue.

(More on VAT — business page.)

VAT dodger's dream may become nightmare

By GIDION ESHEET

Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

This is the last weekend without VAT. By next weekend we will pay more for the petrol our cars use when we drive to the beach, more for the material we use to take the tar off our feet, and more for most commodities and services.

However, there are many thousands of self-employed persons who undoubtedly have a happier picture of things to come. It is thought they intend to charge the higher prices resulting from VAT and to keep the tax revenues to themselves. If this is not so, it is unclear why they have not yet registered with the VAT authorities.

However, say VAT officials, the dreams of these self-employed may turn into a nightmare. Today is the last day for registration. After this the 50,000 who have not registered will be placed on a special list by the authorities. They will

have all the duties but none of the privileges of a registered dealer.

It was learnt yesterday, however, that the officials will accept registrations made until July 1.

In the next month or two unregistered dealers will be visited by a VAT official who will tell them that, in his opinion, they have earned X pounds and thus collected Y pounds in VAT, which they have not paid. And here is the punch. Those 50,000 who have not registered will not be able to dispute the official's figure, and will have to pay whatever figure he fixes.

But this is not all. The unregistered dealer may suddenly have a change of heart and wish to register. This may save him from trouble in the future, but nothing can be done about the past. He will not be able to deduct from his taxes those taxes he has paid on his inputs so long as he is on the special list.

Industry won't help Gov't implement VAT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The executive of the Manufacturers Association decided yesterday to get "un-involved" in the implementation of VAT.

The decision followed a two-hour debate in which a militant course of action — "civil disobedience" — was finally rejected.

Association president Avraham Shavit explained "non-involvement" as meaning the organization would not help the Treasury explain the

intricacies of the new law to businessmen. "We will pay only after we know how to pay," he said, "and we will only know how to pay after the ministry officials teach us."

The manufacturers are objecting to the compromise the Government reached with the Alignment's Decisions Committee to lower the VAT rate from 10 per cent to 8. The manufacturers advocate the higher rate, which would enable the abolishment of the purchase tax and thus mend the "distorted indirect tax system."

PRICES

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to meet the demands of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to reduce purchase taxes on raw materials. About a third of the purchase taxes reduced will be on products, such as cardboard, aluminium, copper wire, wool and plastics.

The announcement about the reductions will be made by the middle of next week.

However, the Prices Review Board yesterday authorized price increases for a variety of goods and services. The specific increases may be modified later by the final decision on purchase tax. Where purchase tax is down, the size of the increase will be correspondingly smaller. None of these changes take account of VAT.

Teabags up by 12.4 per cent; honey 18 per cent; soft drinks in family-size bottles, 5.3 per cent; twelve-page exercise books 10.3 per cent; 40-page exercise books 20.3 per cent; 100-gram packets 6.2 per cent; batteries 18.6 per cent; maintenance services for Friedman and Zohar washing machines, 15.5 per cent; maintenance services for some television sets 27.7; matches 9.5; and rates at Kupat Holim convalescent homes — up by 15.5 per cent.

In another series of rises decided on at the recommendation of the Ministry of Education, schoolbooks (up a year ago) are to cost another 23 per cent, and pencils 25 per cent.

The Ministry of Commerce has acted on the Price Board's suggestion that control be lifted from refrigerator prices, by deciding to remove the control only from large and more expensive types. "Popular" brands and sizes remain under price control, but an increase has been allowed on them in any event. This is an Amcor fridge with a capacity of 170 litres increases in price by IL10m.

ABSORPTION MINISTRY Director General Menahem Sherman and Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Zvi Ross awarded certificates on Tuesday to individuals and organizations who have helped absorb new immigrants in Jerusalem. The ceremony was part of Absorption Month.

T.A., Bat Yam: didn't flout law by leaving beaches open

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv and Bat Yam yesterday categorically denied assertions by Knesset Member Boaz Moav that they were flouting the law by allowing bathing in highly contaminated beaches.

Moav, of the Civil Rights Movement, had alleged in an urgent motion to the Knesset on Tuesday that bathers in the beaches of both cities were swimming in a sea of raw sewage. The Minister of the Interior claimed that both cities were violating beach closure orders issued several months ago.

Tel Aviv's municipal spokesman readily admitted to The Jerusalem Post that such beaches as Tel Baruch and Bograshov are contaminated by coli bacteria which originate from human excrement, but insisted that the city has not defied the Interior Ministry by permitting bathing there.

He stated that warning signs had been put up and lifeguards station-

ed to prevent the public from bathing in the contaminated areas.

Unfortunately, many people defy the closure notices; and "we haven't the manpower to keep them all out of the water," he said.

The final solution to the sewage problem, he added, would come only in 1980, when the Rishon LeZion sewage treatment project is due to be completed.

Bat Yam has similar lifeguard supervision at beaches where bathing is banned, but denies that its sea waters even contain the potentially dangerous coli germs. City sources told The Post that all of the city's sewage already flows to Rishon and not a drop goes into the sea. Only industrial wastes from local plants flow out to sea, and these cannot possibly contain the harmful bacteria.

The municipality further points to the fact that the Riviera beach, which was closed this year, does not contain more coli than it did last year, when it was deemed harmless for bathers.

The municipality maintains that the Interior Ministry's checks were superficial and neglected certain beaches such as those at nearby Rishon, Ashdod and Ashkelon.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A new instrument which determines foetal lung maturity — when a baby is ready to be born — was shown to participants at the sixth scientific conference of the Israel Society for Obstetrics and Gynaecology now being held in Tel Aviv.

The method of operation for the present is being kept a closely guarded secret. However, it is believed to function by analysing the amniotic fluid.

It was jointly developed by the Weizmann Institute of Science of Rehovot and the Elscint (computer) company of Haifa.

Appeal to teachers

Education Minister Aharon Yadin yesterday called upon all the country's teachers to contribute one teaching hour per week next year without pay. The appeal was made in an official letter to the two unions representing elementary and high school teachers.

Yadin urged the teachers to set an example for the rest of the country, at a time when budget cuts threaten to affect the very quality of education.

TV makes IL200,000 a month on service ads

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The number of television "service messages" has recently been expanded to 50-70 a month, according to reports from the Broadcasting Authority in Jerusalem yesterday.

Despite an earlier government decision opposing commercial advertising on television, the Broadcasting Authority has set itself an unofficial quota of three "service messages" a day. Some management sources are pressing to have this expanded to five a day.

Collected by West Bankers

Relief supplies to Beirut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — An International Red Cross plane took off from here shortly after 5 p.m. yesterday, bound for Beirut, carrying eight and a half tons of relief goods for Lebanese civilians on board.

The consignment included about a ton of medicines (including antibiotics and anaesthetics) and clothing.

All of the goods, a Red Cross spokesman stressed, were purchased or collected in the West Bank, with funds raised in the area.

The IRC spokesman said his organization now had some 50 men in the Lebanon, including a complete field hospital located near Beirut Airport. "We have moved into a building after having some trouble

out in the open," he said, but did not elaborate.

The airport administration here released the Red Cross DC-6 plane from paying the customary landing and portage fees.

Ben-Meir for T.A. Labour Council

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party last night nominated Dov Ben-Meir, MK, as its candidate for the post of secretary of the Tel Aviv Labour Council.

Ben-Meir, 49, won over 75 per cent of the votes of the party's district council membership. He is at present secretary of the party's Tel Aviv District Council.

Press strike is averted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A 24-hour warning strike by the newspaper section of the Printers Union was averted at the last moment last night when the newspaper publishers and the union representatives reached agreement on the basic structure of the new wage agreements.

The strike had threatened to close down all dailies with the exception of "Ma'ariv" and "Yedioth Aharnot," both of which had accepted the main wage demands.



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Finances worse than previously thought Maritime Fruit Carriers dismisses four directors

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The Maritime Fruit Carriers Company is in worse financial shape than was hitherto known. MFC has undergone further changes in its management, with its directors and major stockholders — Messrs. Ya'acov Meridor and Capt. la Brenner — pushed farther away from policy-making and executive positions in the company by brought to the top of world shipping in a matter of five years.

Four members of the MFC board of directors have been dismissed as today, including the chairman of its subsidiaries, Sir Norman Munn, and one of its Jewish directors, Mr. Ashe-Lincoln. The new arrangement strengthens the control of American lawyer H. Struve Henrich, who moved to London from New York earlier this year when Meridor and Brenner were dropped.

The only Israeli still on the board is Yair Melvar.

MFC is in trouble and owes \$20m. to banks and other debtors, primarily the Deutsche Schiffahrtsbank, the First National Bank of Boston and the Norwegian Ship Guarantee Institute. In addition, MFC is entangled in complicated credit dealings involving \$20m. to one group and \$10m. through Bankers Trust International.

The syndicates involved in these two matters are behind the seizure of four Israeli-flag ships in the MFC fleet. Another ship has been attached by the Chemical Bank.

The MFC management now wishes to dispose of the Israeli-flag ships, mainly for economic reasons. Company sources blame Meridor and Brenner for having overreached themselves in gambling on a rising market for tankers, hoping to profit by selling unfinished boats; but the falling market destroyed their plans.

Gov't to stand behind claims of ships' men

Jerusalem Post Staff

Minister of Transport Gad Ya'bi warned in Jerusalem yesterday that he would not allow ships belonging to the Maritime Fruit Carriers Company to be struck off the list of Israeli-registered vessels, if the troubled company settled severance-pay claims of all its seafarers. A ministry spokesman stressed later that this would actively prevent ownership of the vessels from being transferred to another flag until the company's obligations to its men were met.

The minister was acting in response to pressure from the Seafarers' Union, which has threatened bringing the entire merchant fleet on strike unless the Government intervenes to secure the seafarers' claims.

The company meanwhile proposed two new proposals last night in effort to satisfy the demands of officers and crew of the seven sailing Maritime ships flying Israeli flag.

The new offer from the company (which originates from the seafarers' union) would add \$700,000 to the \$1.8m. already promised to crews to cover severance pay on offer that was rejected.

The secretary of the Maritime Officers' Union, Yehayahu Groman, told The Post that his union was stung that its original demand of \$3.25m. be paid in full.

The second proposal, which came by telex from the company's new general manager in London, H. Struve Henrich, suggests that the seafarers be paid the ships and then rechartered them to any interested Israeli concern, on bareboat charter terms. This would enable them to continue operating under the Israeli flag with Israeli crews.

Local manager Alex Shur told a news conference in Haifa last night that the proposal would be referred immediately to the economic ministers. But Capt. Groman warned that at this stage his union would not even consider new proposals without "cast-iron guarantees from both the company and the banks."

To compound the MFC troubles, the captain of Festmon Core, the company's only Israeli flag ship still sailing, radioed to Haifa last night that he was bringing his cargo of 500,000 cases of California oranges to Israel.

In his cable, Capt. Ephraim Marcovitz said he feared sabotage and bloodshed from his crew, who were worried over their future. He had therefore deviated from his Long Beach-Rotterdam course and was bringing the ship to Haifa.

The crew hoped to be able to exert greater pressure to prevent their dismissal in Haifa than in a foreign port where the ship is likely to be attached by creditors on arrival.

IL2m. fire at Petah Tikva plastics plant

HAIFA. — A fire swept through a plastics factory here early yesterday morning, causing an estimated IL2m. worth of damage to raw materials, finished products and two automobiles parked near premises.

The owner of the Superplast factory, Ronnie Sten, commented that the fire broke out at 11:30 p.m. and five minutes after being called at 11:45 p.m. Five engine crews totalling 25 men battled the blaze throughout the night, wearing gas masks for protection against the noxious smoke. They succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings, but later added that the fire was finally extinguished at 4:30 a.m. No casualties were reported.

According to a preliminary report, the fire was caused by a short circuit in the electrical system, superheated plastic containers and evaporator parts.

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Newer ship on Adriatic line

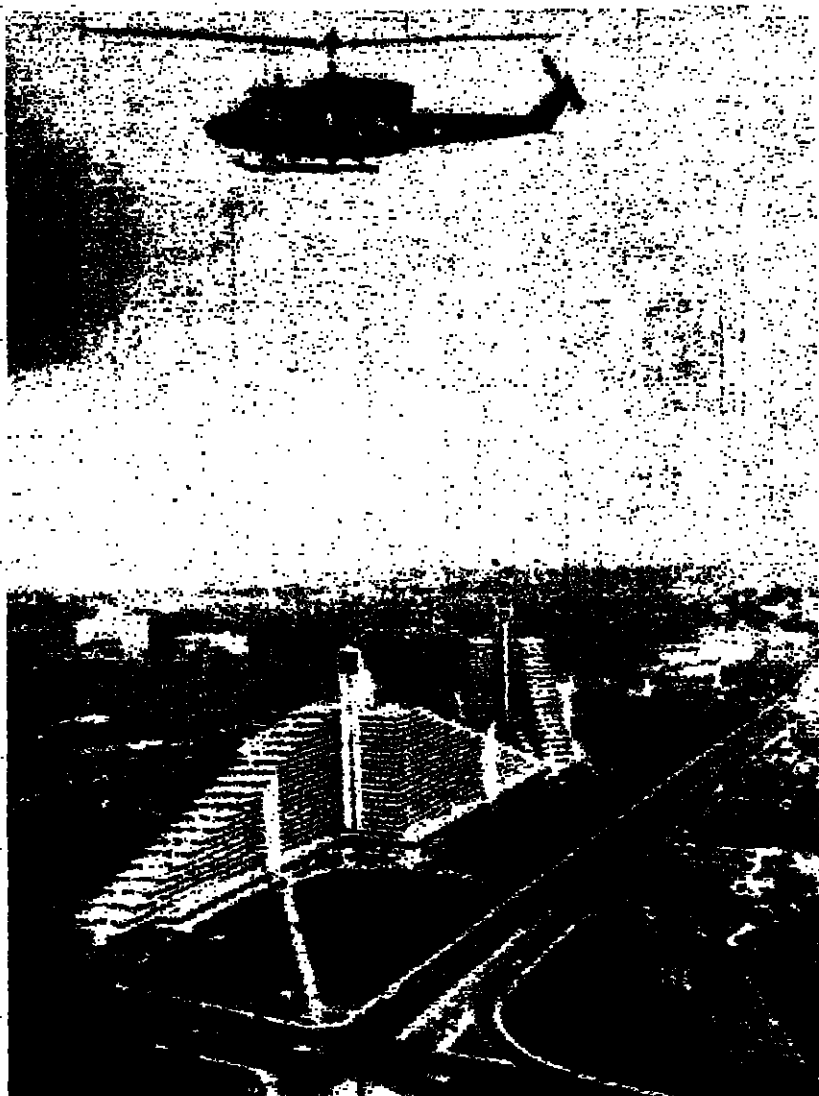
By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Italian shipping company Adriatica, which has been operating a regular passenger service to Haifa for more than a century, is putting a newer line on the Israeli-Italian route.

The ship, the three-year-old Espresso Livorno, is due to arrive on her first visit this morning, and will sail again at noon. She is replacing the older San Giorgio and will run a year-round fortnightly service between Haifa and Venice, her agents, Aaron Rosenfeld and Sons, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. This will be the only year-round passenger service to Haifa.

The ship can carry 535 passengers, along with 210 cars and 22 roll-on-roll-off containers.

The Espresso Livorno will be sailing from Haifa every other Friday, and from Venice every other Monday. The vessel is fully air-conditioned and meals are served from a self-service restaurant, her agents announced. Fares will range from \$105 to \$285 from Haifa to Venice, including port charges, but excluding travel tax. The Venice-Haifa run (which includes stops in Piraeus and Limassol) will cost \$120-\$325.



A Canadian Armed Forces helicopter hovers over the East-End Olympic Village this week as military personnel began patrolling the air corridor above the Olympic Games site. From now on, private planes will be banned from the area. (UPI telephoto)

'Tips' on Olympic security

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Canadian officials in charge of security at the Montreal Olympic Games — which open in three weeks' time — picked up "useful" material in meetings with Israeli security and intelligence officials.

This was revealed here yesterday by a Canadian Embassy official, who told The Jerusalem Post that Canada has obtained a list of known or suspected terrorists from foreign security agencies and is keeping a watch on them.

But the official stressed that any guards who might accompany the Israeli team would not be permitted to carry weapons, and would have no police powers of arrest or search.

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Joint ventures with UK on technical levels proposed

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Britain, after the U.S., is the country that has the biggest stock of investments abroad. There is no reason why joint ventures should not be undertaken in Israel, too.

This is the view of John Whitehorn, deputy director-general of the CBI (Confederation of British Industries), who came here to attend the 25th anniversary of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce last Monday.

He warned, however, that owing partly to Britain's foreign exchange controls, the kind of investment to look for might take the form mainly of technology, know-how, management, and licensing of production, rather than cash.

Capital, he admitted, can be raised in the Euro-dollar market and elsewhere. Also British companies are prone to reinvest abroad profits made abroad. But what Israel needs at the moment seems to be partnerships on the technical and marketing levels, rather than financial placements, he said.

Yishai Zakson, Israeli chairman of the chamber, has invited the CBI to send over a delegation of industrialists. Whitehorn supports this idea because he thinks there have been developments here in high technology which British industrialists ought to know about.

"The value of such an expedition is when the participants return home," he explained. "They report on what they saw at seminars and conferences that we organize. The information filters through to those for whom it might be of interest. We have 12,000 members in our association." (There are 1,200 in the Israel Manufacturers Association.)

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No sherut cabs from J'm to Beit Shemesh

The High Court this week upheld an administrative ruling that the country's big bus cooperatives are to be granted preference over private taxi-owners in providing public transportation. It was rejecting an appeal by six Jerusalem taxi-owners who had sought to set up a short taxi operation between the Capital and Beit Shemesh.

The Transport Ministry's Controller of Road Traffic had rejected the application on grounds that it would cut into the revenues of Egged, which receives state subsidies, and that taxi-owners have proved hard to hold to regular schedules. The court upheld this opinion. Justice Moshe Landau wrote that, while the sherut service might force Egged to improve its own service on the route, the larger interest had to prevail.

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Klarsfelds due

Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld is expected from Paris on Saturday night, together with her son Arno, 12, and her three-year-old daughter. Beate and Arno are expected to spend most of their time here studying Hebrew at Ulpian Akiva in Netanya.

CONCERTS OF LIGHT music are being presented by the Haifa Symphony Orchestra at Gan Ha'am, in the Central Carmel. The concerts take place Monday evenings, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Soviets issue fewer emigration permits

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Soviets are increasingly refusing aliya applications on the pretext that the kinship between the applicant and the person who sent him the invitation from Israel is not close enough, aliya closes here report.

The first step for an aliya applicant is to obtain an invitation for a family reunion from Israel. The Soviets have long been claiming that they are out to prove their contention.

In the Ukraine, especially, invitations are no longer delivered by mail; but the addressee is invited to the local Ovir (emigration) office and asked who he expects an invitation from. If he does not give the right name, he is denied the invitation, and cannot even apply for aliya.

Reports from the Ukrainian city of Vinitsa indicate that for the past six months almost no one there has received an invitation — not even through Ovir. The only exceptions are the leading activists there, such as Mikhail Mager whose attempts since 1973 to join his wife and parents here, have aroused international attention.

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IAI answers comptroller with three sentences

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Israel Aircraft Industries' official reaction to the blistering State Comptroller's report, which was released for publication in Jerusalem yesterday, was confined to the following three sentences:

- Part of the lapses exposed by the comptroller had already been corrected.
- Another part of the comptroller's fault-finding was now being acted upon.
- The management of IAI reserves the right to present its case in all matters pertaining to development, production and the safeguarding of national security interests to the appropriate Knesset committee and, through it, to the nation.

It is understood that the IAI executive was particularly incensed over the comptroller's reference to the lack of connection between the Arava and Westwind, on the one hand, and military aircraft (an obvious reference to the Kfir), on the other. The report said the heavy losses accumulated during the production of these two aircraft should not be linked to defence production.

An informed source told The Jerusalem Post that the IAI has always argued that its ventures into commercial and military aircraft production had to be preceded by a gradual training and build-up of locally trained skilled technicians and engineers. There could be no clear separation between civilian and military production, IAI claimed. Men put to work on military projects had gained their experience on civilian ones. While the company hoped to show ultimately that there was money to be made on its Arava and

Westwind production lines as well, these should not be divorced from the IAI's present capability to produce an air superiority fighter at prices 50 per cent below those of the world market.

The Defence Ministry would never have given the IAI a development-manufacturing contract if it hadn't been for the company's experience in civilian ventures, the source said.

The State Comptroller, the source added, lacked the technical competence and insight to make categorical statements of the kind included in his report.

"FIRE THE BOSSSES"

Shinui and the Independent Liberal Party lost no time in climbing onto the anti-Aircraft Industries bandwagon yesterday.

In a cable sent to the Ministry of Defence yesterday, Shinui demanded the immediate dismissal of the management of the industries. The IAI, Shinui charged, deliberately misled Cabinet ministers and the general public in matters pertaining to production, sales prospects and conditions of employment in the enterprise.

The ILP secretary-general, Zvi Nir, says the faults discovered by the Comptroller (as published in the press) "border on administrative corruption" and demands their "eradication, once and for all — a task now resting with the Defence Ministry."

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TWO NEW student hostels, with accommodation for 120 students, were formally opened on the Technion campus Wednesday. The hostels bear the names of Rosario Castellanos, the late Mexican Ambassador to Israel, and Amparo and Max Shein.

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Lamed Plan's residents have no grocery

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Housewives in the Lamed Plan area north of the Yarkon River must make their way daily to Ramat Aviv to shop for the most basic foodstuffs, because the sole grocery in the neighbourhood was closed by municipal order last month.

The city is now trying to find a site and an entrepreneur willing to set up a business there for the 2,300 inhabitants of the area.

The city spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that the grocery had operated without a permit on premises too small for a grocery. As a result, residents complained, bread and dairy products were often kept outside on the pavement. There was also no proper refrigeration system.

"We received countless complaints from residents and therefore ordered the grocery shut," the spokesman said, adding that the basic solution to the problem would probably not come for a few years until a shopping centre was put up in the neighbourhood. In the meantime, he stated, the chief problem was to find a store where a grocery could be set up, as the available business space was already taken up.

The Lamed Plan was opened for construction of high-cost apartment complexes in the days of the Rabinowitz city administration without a proper infra-structure. Construction of the shopping centre is being delayed because of planning problems, chiefly those involving approach roads to it.

Work accidents down slightly — Baram

TEL AVIV. — The number of work accidents decreased slightly in the past year, Labour Minister Moshe Baram told the Institute of Safety and Hygiene's Public Council at Beth Sotolow yesterday. Between April 1975 and April this year about 100,000 persons were injured in work accidents. There were 166 deaths, and about 2,500 were permanently disabled. The estimated damage to the economy was half a billion pounds, and millions of work days were lost.

Baram praised the institute for its efforts to bring down the number of injured in work accidents. He stressed the need for safety courses in technical high schools and colleges.

Prizes were awarded at the meeting to workers and plants in the citrus packing industry for outstanding safety records. First prize went to the Hod Hasharon packing plant belonging to Tnuva Export. Runners-up were the Pri-Or and Western Galilee plants.

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A reply to Comrade Matveyev
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EXCITING TOYS FROM AMERICA

Jordan tells UN: Homeland must be 'inside Palestine'

UNITED NATIONS. — Jordan told the UN Security Council yesterday that Palestinian self-determination must be exercised within Palestine itself.

"Israel cannot escape its responsibility in displacing so many Palestinians and occupying Palestinian territory, by trying to force the Palestinians to seek an alternate homeland," Jordanian Ambassador Abdul Hamid Sharaf said.

The ambassador was speaking in the resumed council debate on a report by the 20-nation UN Committee on Palestinian Rights which calls for Israeli withdrawal from administered Arab territories.

The debate, which Israel is boycotting, began on June 9 but has been interrupted several times to enable the council to deal with other topics.

Sharaf said: "The Palestinian right of self-determination must find its expression in Palestine in spite of Israel's unjust and indefensible opposition."

The eagerness of the Arabs to stress their basic unity and their identification and partnership with the Palestinian people did not mean that Palestinian rights in the land of Palestine no longer existed, nor did it change the nature or the geographical definition of those rights, he said.

"It is necessary to emphasize this in view of the escalating attempt by Israel to argue that the solution of the Palestinian question must take place in the Arab world beyond the boundaries of Palestine," he said.

Speakers for Turkey, Bahrain, Hungary and Afghanistan also reiterated their governments' position on the Middle East in the debate, which will continue today. No resolution has yet been tabled.

The debate, the fifth council discussion of the Arab-Israeli dispute

this year, has failed to generate more than lukewarm interest in the UN. One reason is that the debate is being played against the backdrop of intra-Arab clashes and disputes in Lebanon.

Like the four earlier debates — one in January on the situation in the Middle East, one in March and again in May on Israel's policies in occupied territories, and one last month on renewal of the UN buffer force on the Golan Heights — the current debate has generated a long list of speakers supporting the Palestinian cause and criticizing Israel.

Three of the earlier debates ended in U.S. vetoes of Arab-inspired resolutions. (Reuters, AP)

Running mate for Carter could be woman or black

WASHINGTON. — Jimmy Carter says his choice for a Vice-Presidential nominee is likely to have a Washington background and could be a woman or a black. The former Georgia Governor, however, wasn't ready to give names.

Carter, in the capital for a series of meetings yesterday with Congressional leaders, said he had not yet whittled down a list of 10 or 12 persons from among whom he would choose his running mate.

Meanwhile, in a policy address on Wednesday, Carter told the South Korean government its internal oppression was "repugnant to our people," but also undermined the "basic support for our commitment there." He also mentioned the possibility of withdrawal of U.S. forces after consultations with the South Korean and Japanese governments.

Nestle wins libel suit over charge it 'kills babies'

BERN. — A Swiss court yesterday ordered 13 members of a volunteer development aid organization to pay \$120 each in damages for alleging that the Nestle baby food corporation contributes to infant mortality in Third World countries by the way it advertises and sells milk powder.

Nestle had sued the "Third World Action Group" for libel after it published a pamphlet in 1974 titled "Nestle Kills Babies."

The pamphlet, a German translation of a report originally produced by the British welfare agency "War on Want," attacked the advertising and sales methods used by major multinational baby food companies in the developing world.

It claimed that Nestle and other companies persuade mothers to stop breast feeding and give their children instant milk powder, thus allegedly contributing to infant mortality.

Before the two-day libel hearings, Nestle withdrew three out of four libel charges against the group.

The only charge retained by the giant corporation — whose total annual sales worldwide is one-third larger than Switzerland's entire gross national product — concerned the title of the pamphlet.

The group, which disseminates information within Switzerland on Swiss foreign aid efforts, was also ordered to pay trial costs. (UPI)

Dent eliminates seeded Okker

LONDON. — Phil Dent, Australia's sixth-ranked player, ended the all-conquering progress of the seeded players at the Wimbledon tennis championships yesterday when he eliminated Dutchman Tom Okker 6-4, 9-3, 6-4 to reach the last 16.

Ninth-seeded Okker, who at 32 has lost much of the speed that earned him his "Flying Dutchman" tag, found the service power and all-round strength of Dent's game too much.

For Dent, 26, it was a breakthrough he has been threatening for the past two years. In 1974 he lost 10-8 in the fifth set to this year's favourite Jimmy Connors, who went on to win the title. Last year Dent reached the last 16 before losing to Connors again.

All seven of the women's seeds in action made the last 16 with Chris Evert, the favourite, beating Australia's Lesley Hunt 6-1, 6-0. (Reuters)



An Allegheny Airlines DC9 passenger airliner lies on the runway of the Philadelphia International Airport on Wednesday after it split in half upon landing in a thunderstorm. The tail section is in the background. A spokesman said 99 of the 100 passengers were evacuated and taken to hospitals for examinations. One person, evidently seriously injured, received medical treatment on board. There were no fatalities. (AP radiophoto)

Kissinger warns Vorster

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singer warned Mr. Vorster during the talks of the dangers of a race war in Southern Africa if black-white inequalities persisted.

The sources said the talks concentrated on Rhodesia and Namibia (South West Africa), but the Secretary of State made clear to Mr. Vorster that the U.S. feared a bloodbath in South Africa itself unless the problems arising from apartheid were solved speedily.

One of Dr. Kissinger's main points was to ask Mr. Vorster to use his influence with Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith to accept demands for quick majority rule in the breakaway British colony, which has some 270,000 whites and around six million blacks.

He also asked Mr. Vorster to accelerate progress towards independence for Namibia, the former German colony which South Africa governs in defiance of U.N. resolutions.

A report from Johannesburg says that police continued on stand-by alert yesterday in several black townships, where tension continues after the worst racial upheaval in South Africa's history.

No fresh outbreaks of rioting were reported yesterday, although minor, isolated cases of arson were reported on Wednesday night.

In the township of Lynville, 100 miles east of Johannesburg, police toured schools after the discovery of pamphlets calling for a strike by the 39,000 black workers in the area.

Other riot-torn townships in the Johannesburg and Pretoria areas also remained peaceful, police reported.

The rioting, which started last Wednesday in the Johannesburg township of Soweto, has officially killed at least 140 persons dead and 1,125 injured. A breakdown on who was killed by police and who died at the hands of rioters still is being compiled.

However, Chief Gatscha Buthelesi, leader of South Africa's Zulu people, said in the coastal city of Durban that black leaders believe "several hundred blacks have been killed in the riots." He did not give an exact figure.

In Washington, a Molotov cocktail was thrown at the South African Embassy early yesterday, but an official said it caused no damage. (AP, Reuters)

'Monstrous' boycott pressure

LONDON. — Unnamed Arab diplomats were accused in Parliament on Wednesday of using "monstrous means" to intimidate British firms from trading with Israel, but the Labour government turned aside a plea from its own benches for an official inquiry.

Labour lawmaker Eric Moonman said the "monstrous means" of intimidation were used by representatives from one or two embassies in Britain.

Trade Undersecretary Michael Meacher said that exporters must decide "how they deal with this situation... In the light of their own commercial interests." He said

that firms with such problems should seek advice from his department.

Moonman demanded an investigation and said it was time the government came into the open and condemned the boycott. Arabs, he pointed out, were now blacklisting not only firms trading directly with Israel, but also companies dealing with those firms.

Moonman said he had received "tragic letters" from Jewish men and women whose job-seeking efforts were rebuffed, because the companies they approached traded with Arab countries which refused visas to Jewish business representatives. (AP)

OLYMPIC PREVIEW

Host Canadians may not win one gold medal at Olympics

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

With the trials and tribulations of Olympic Village construction now behind them, Canadians are now beset by a new anxiety — Canada may be the first host country since the Games were revived in 1894 not to win a single gold medal. Over the eight decades of modern Olympics, her athletes have amassed a grand total of 25 golds, the last of these at the 1968 Games in Mexico. That was for the equestrian team competition, and one of the likeliest Canadian precious metal prospects is veteran horseman Jim Day, one of the riders on that team, who is competing again.

Meanwhile, records continue to fall in pre-Olympic competitions being held in many countries throughout the world. Eyes are naturally on the U.S. and Soviet Union, the two titans of track and field — always the centrepiece of the Games — but the sensational pre-Olympic results by the East German girls should maintain the high interest in the pool which was sparked at Munich in 1972, when America's Mark Spitz swam off with seven gold medals.

He won't be competing, but American mermen are again favoured to run off with the biggest gold haul. They topped two world records in last week's U.S. Olympic trials — backstroke ace John Naber bettered a three-year mark for the 200-metre event held by Roland Matthes of E. Germany (2:01.87) when he was clocked at 2:00.84, while 17-year-old Brian Goodell freestyled through 400 metres in 3:53.08. Most of the other men's records are in any case in American hands.

In athletics, Dave Roberts regained the world pole vault record he lost last month to Earl Bell. But he had to borrow Bell's pole to do it, at the Olympic track and field



trials in Eugene, Oregon, on Tuesday, when he cleared 5.70 metres (18 feet, 9 1/4 inches).

Roberts snapped his own pole on his first bid for a new record. He failed three tries at 5.80 metres before he compromised a centimetre to clear the bar at 5.70. But Bell will still need his trusty pole in Montreal. He shadowed Roberts with a vault of 5.50 metres, good enough to make the U.S. team but somewhat below his bygone record of 5.67 metres.

Elsewhere, Tatyana Kazankina of the Soviet Union became a top contender for the Olympic 1,500 metre title when she won the event in Helsinki last Tuesday with a time of 4:02.81. Running in the World Track and Field Games in the Finnish capital, she beat the home town girl, European 3,000-metre champion Nina Holmen, to the tape. At the same meet, Boris Kuznetsov of the USSR edged New Zealand's star Dick Quax in the 5,000-metre event. Neither winner touched the world record.

On the same track, Lasse Viren of Finland ran the fastest 10,000 metres in the world this year, stopping the watch at 27:42.95. A fellow-countryman, Semyon Novikov, buried the javelin 93.54 metres, also not a record but a top 1976 performance. West Germany's

world champion Klaus Wolfermann could only manage 84.42 metres for fifth place.

One man to watch in Montreal will be Silvio Leonard, a young Cuban who is one of only eight men to have broken the 10-second barrier in the 100-metre dash. His breakthrough came in June 1975, in a competition in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, when he tied the world record of 9.9 seconds. The Cuban black sees his main rival as America's Steve Williams, Hayley Crawford of Trinidad, Don Quarry of Jamaica, and the Russian defending champion, Valery Sorzov.

The first woman ever to qualify for the U.S. Olympic shooting team is Margaret Murdock, who last week tied a male competitor for second place in a Phoenix, Arizona, competition, then beat him for a berth on the team in an elimination contest in the three-position smallbore rifle event. Margaret is 24.

The big grudge match of the Olympics could be a return encounter between the American and Soviet basketball quintets. The U.S. hoopsters will certainly be out to avenge the controversial Soviet 51-50 victory in the final at the Munich Games. The Russian winning basket came in the last second of the match amid scenes of wild disorder, and a subsequent American appeal against the decision was turned down.

This time they may not meet in the final even if they again emerge as the top teams, because the competition will be conducted on a round-robin basis.

The Soviet team's ageing lineup, practically unchanged from Moscow days, has been the subject of some criticism in Russia, but coach Sergei Baskin insists the "players of the middle generation (23-28)" have "widened their scope and perfected their mastery."

Scientists whoop over Mars photos

PASADENA, California. — Details so startling they caused scientists to whoop and shriek in excitement were revealed Wednesday as the clearest pictures ever taken of the planet Mars were received from Viking 1.

But the rough, cratered surface shown in the pictures could prove hazardous for Viking's landing mission, scheduled for July 4.

The first closeup pictures of the planned landing site showed broad barren plains believed to be cooled lava flows, peppered by sharp-edged craters as large as several kilometres in diameter.

Broad channels containing streamlined islands and irregular patches, which looked as if rushing water had plucked boulders from a stream bed, seemed to strengthen the theory that water once flowed on Mars.

"The scientists were like 10-year-old kids rushing over to look at the pictures" as they were beamed back by the Viking spacecraft early Wednesday, said mission planner Dr. Gentry Lee. As each photo appeared there were whoops and cries of "wow," he said.

The pictures were taken at an altitude of about 1,600 kms. roughly the same height of Mariner 9 when that probe took photographs in 1971-72, but the Martian atmosphere was far clearer in these photos. Somewhat less delighted with what the pictures showed was Viking

project manager Jim Martin, who has over-all responsibility for getting the automated Viking landed safely on the surface.

"I would have been quite pleased to see nothing," he said. The wealth of surface features that could capsize or damage the three-legged lander — about the size of a dune buggy — had not been expected.

However, Martin pointed out that Viking will take many more pictures of adjacent terrain before a decision is made July 1 on whether to proceed with the landing or switch to an alternate site.

The pictures bore out recent — since Mariner 9 — theories that Mars is more geologically active than the moon, though less active than earth. At some time in the past, volcanoes evidently belched lava in flows that hardened to form smooth plains of basaltic rock.

In some places, pointed out Dr. Harold Masursky of the U.S. Geological Survey, knobs of ancient bed-

rock protruded through the lava flows, and appeared to have been eroded by rushing water.

Craters, where meteorites plowed into the planet, were scattered randomly. Some of them apparently older than the volcanic flows and some having punched into the cooled old molten rock. One crater that dominated a Viking picture, and had scientists "bug-eyed," clearly showed a surrounding ring of material which Masursky said was splashed out of the crater by the force of a meteor's impact.

If the channel-like features were indeed carved by flowing streams, they're only moments of a much earlier age. The Martian atmosphere is too thin at present to allow liquid water to exist on the surface. Scientists believe, some great climatic change occurred.

The landing site for Viking's automated laboratory was chosen because if water did flow in the low-lying area, it is a likely place to search for evidence of life. (AP)

U.S. NAVY GROUNDS F14 AFTER CRASHES

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Navy grounded all of its 203 F14 fighter planes yesterday after two crashes of the aircraft this week.

It said the F14s, the most advanced fighters in the U.S. Navy, had been "temporarily suspended

from normal flight operations" pending investigation into the probable cause of the accidents" at an air station near San Diego, California. Four navy flyers were killed in the crashes, on Monday and Wednesday. (AP)

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Communist supporters wave clenched fists and red flags in front of party headquarters in Rome after the party won a plurality in the Rome city council elections. Consultations were continuing in Italy last night about formation of a government coalition. (AP radiophoto)

Ali takes on 'Pelican' for \$6m.

By MARK MURRAY

OKYO. — Never one to shy away from the bizarre, world boxing champion Muhammad Ali scales new heights of ballyhoo with his First World Martial Arts Championship match here tomorrow against a lantern-jawed Japanese wrestler who says he doesn't know the meaning of the word defeat.

Passing through Tokyo in May 1975, enroute to taking care of rival's Joe Bugner, Ali idly tossed the gauntlet with an offer of \$6m. to any Oriental who could eat him "any time, any place, any way." Tomorrow he will, in fact, eat \$6m. for living up to that challenge, despite dire threats from the ride of the Japanese wrestling giant, Antonio Inoki, to break an arm or leg just to confound the antics who don't think the fight will be fair dinkum.

A winner-take-all provision, inserted on Wednesday night into an agreement between Ali and Inoki, as taken back out yesterday. Inoki, president of his own professional wrestling company, had challenged Ali to the winner-take-all gamble at a contract signing dinner on Wednesday night. The provision could have meant up to \$10m. for the winner.

"It was a spontaneous thing," Ali's trainer, Angelo Dundee, said

yesterday. "Muhammad is not going to turn down any challenge." But Dundee, who is Ali's manager, said that only the fighter's adviser, Herbert Muhammad, had the authority to make such a deal. He added that Ali is the drawing card for the fight and "Inoki is the benefactor. He will be a world figure. In losing, he will be a winner."

No-one else may be, but the 33-year-old Inoki is taking his boxing-wrestling-karate encounter with the "Louisville Lip" very seriously indeed. The two antagonists have managed to keep the pre-fight brouhaha at fever pitch. The 190-metre, 107 kilo Inoki is most unhappy at Ali's smearing references to "that Jap wrestler." He also dislikes the nickname the boxing champion has coined for him — "The Pelican," which refers to the wrestler's remarkable jutting chin, a target that no follower of the Marquess of Queensbury could miss and still retain his self-respect. There have been serious claims that Inoki is soaking the famous feature in brine to strengthen it against the Ali rapier.

The 15-round match at the 16,000-seat Budkan hall will feature a complicated, nightmarish combination of boxing, wrestling and karate techniques with Ali using four of boxing gloves and Inoki fighting

bare-handed. To even things up a little, Ali is allowed to punch while on the floor and Inoki is not particularly happy with this concession. But Inoki is still supremely confident of victory. A follower of Zen Buddhism, the wrestler empties his mind of all thoughts before entering the ring (including, obviously, any idea of losing). In fact, he insists he cannot remember the last time this happened.

In the last three years he has become a national hero for millions of Japanese television wrestling fans who love the way he always triumphs in weekly "good guy versus the bad guy" ring dramas. (The "bad guy" is invariably a foreigner). Of course, not everyone is convinced that the local boy is going to once again triumph over hardship and adversity.

Flanking Inoki at a recent Tokyo press conference were a couple of crew-cut karate "heavies" who hinted darkly that the world champion (referred to only as "big mouth") had better watch his step. This means that in the highly unlikely event that by some trickery Ali manages to beat Inoki, he can expect an immediate challenge from an eager and dedicated group of Japanese karate choppers ready to lay down their lives to "put him in his place" (OFNS)

Senate report calls Warren Commission probe 'deficient'

WASHINGTON. — A Senate report has strongly criticized the investigation of President Kennedy's murder and suggested that high officials might have deliberately withheld important information.

The report issued on Wednesday, said the Warren Commission, which investigated the November 1963 assassination, might have explored different avenues had it known of U.S. plots against Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, and of the Cuban connections of presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

The 108-page report, the final work of the now-defunct Senate Intelligence Committee, blamed the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for deficiencies in the assassination investigation.

The committee said it had uncovered no evidence of an assassin conspiracy, but it said it had found evidence which "indicates that the investigation was deficient." The FBI, under pressure to complete its work quickly, put too narrow a focus on its investigation without exploring larger questions, such as possible foreign involvement in the assassination, the committee said.

In addition, senior FBI officials did not cooperate with the commission.

The report said it was unclear why senior FBI and CIA officials allowed the commission under the then Chief Justice Earl Warren to reach its conclusion, without all relevant information, that Oswald had acted alone.

"Certainly, concern with public reputation, problems of coordination between agencies, possible bureaucratic failure and embarrassment, and the extreme compartmentalization of knowledge of sensitive operations may have contributed to the shortcomings," the report said.

But it added: "The possibility exists that senior officials... made conscious decisions not to disclose potentially important information."

Of the CIA investigation, the committee said that all the evidence indicated that its investigation into any Cuban connection with the assassination, whether pro-Castro or anti-Castro, was "passive in nature."

It said that, of the 34 Warren Commission requests for information from the CIA, 15 dealt with Oswald's connections with the Soviet Union, but only one with a Cuban matter. (Reuters)

Nato: Superpowers must set pace in troop cuts

VIENNA. — The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato) assured the Soviet bloc yesterday that six Western nations would cut military manpower in central Europe if the Soviet Union joined the U.S. in making first pace-setting reductions.

Western cutbacks would be arranged within an agreed common collective ceiling for each of the two military alliances, Nato told the East-West conference on troop reductions.

The Communist Warsaw Pact is pressing for individual force-cutting commitments by each of nine nations as a condition for first-stage reductions by the Soviet Union and the U.S. This idea is intended to freeze West German forces at fixed levels.

Nato rejects national ceilings, and says it and the Warsaw

Pact should each be limited to 700,000 ground troops, with the alliances free to determine the size of national components.

The Nato position was explained in detail at the 19-nation Vienna conference because Communist diplomats had accused West European nations and Canada of refusing to make concrete commitments, a Nato spokesman said.

Nato was ready to "give a commitment" that all Western participants in the 32-month negotiations would reduce forces up to a common ceiling during a second phase, following satisfactory first-phase cuts by the two superpowers, the spokesman said. This would mean reductions by Britain, Belgium, Canada, West Germany, Holland and Luxembourg. On the Communist side, Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Poland would have to reduce. (Reuters)

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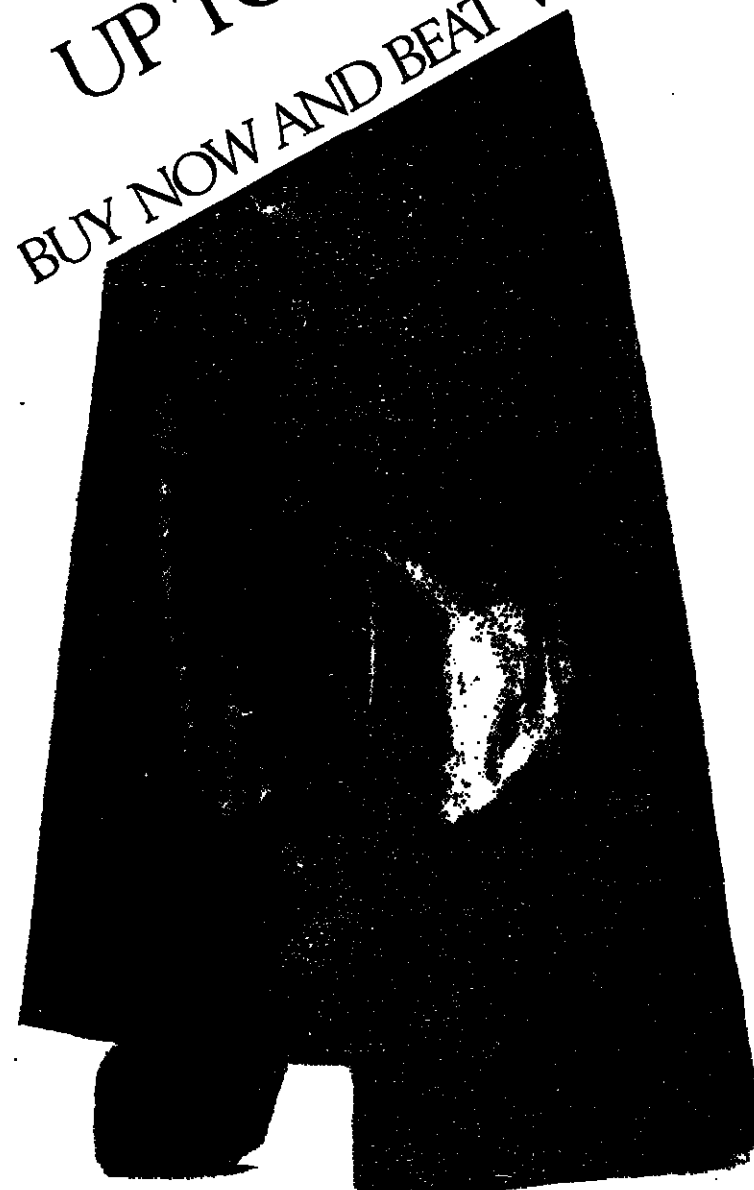


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How much 'freedom' can West Germany tolerate?

By HERBERT S. LEVINE

OR OVER A YEAR NOW West German politicians have been acutely preparing for the elections to be held on October 3. Much of the preparation has been the usual sort of tiresome name-calling. Franz Josef Strauss says that Germany under the Social Democrats has come a pig-sty. Willy Brandt says at Strauss ought to be ashamed of himself for calling Germany a pig-sty. Strauss says he didn't mean it at way and sues Brandt for defamation for saying that he did. At the moment, the argument over the meaning of freedom is the only one that matters. The opposition Christian Democratic Union (CDU) has decided to fight the motto "Freedom or chaos." If this means anything it is that the Social Democratic Democratic ruling coalition is ti-freeedom. SPD and FDP leaders ad it that way. Obviously, they y, the CDU has never learned to cept a democratic system that inides the possibility of being out of wer from time to time, and it refore tries to associate the Social moocrats with Moscow slave-ys. And if the CDU does nasty ngs like that, it must be anti-edom. On the other hand, the FDP has osen as its own slogan "Freedom, ogress and Performance," and umps that its programme makes ar the differences between itself d both CDU and SPD. Since any hevements with which the FDP y credit itself are due to

collaboration with the much larger SPD, the FDP's slogan must mean that it is somehow "freer" than the SPD, even if the SPD is not precisely anti-freeedom. And FDP leader and foreign minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has indeed suggested that the FDP's role in the governing coalition has been to protect individual freedoms from the democratic socialists in the SPD.

It does seem a bit odd that the West Germans would want to fight their election with abstract debates over the meaning of freedom. In fact, the CDU has been rather embarrassed by a lack of concrete issues. West German inflation is far lower than it is in most European countries, the unions, on the whole, have been very well behaved, and while unemployment is troublesome generous benefits take up some of the slack. In short German society is moving through a period of world economic dislocation with remarkably little trouble.

The original instinct of the CDU was to fight a personality-based campaign along what Germans suppose to be American lines. The original campaign slogan mooted by party leaders was "Our Helmut is the Best One." The party withdrew this gem because its researchers found that most citizens confronted with it thought only of SPD Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and not at all of CDU challenger Helmut Kohl.

Kohl would indeed be ill-advised to make a personality contest of the race. Schmidt has rugged good

looks, smokes a pipe with style, enjoys eyes that can flash with controlled anger or convey quiet assurance, and simply oozes competence. Kohl is a bit chubby, looks silly when angry, and has a family name that means "cabbage," as the cartoonists have already noted.

IF THE ELECTION were a contest between these two men, the outcome would hardly be in doubt. Were it fought on concrete issues, the economic and social problems that do trouble Germany, it is likely that the coalition would be able to beat off any CDU attack. But the debate about "freedom" does mean something here, and may well decide what will in any case be a very close election.

The basic programme of the SPD rejects cooperation with all Communist groups and others that do not accept the constitutional democracy of the Federal Republic. The older leaders of the party are, by tradition and taste, vehemently anti-Communist. But the party's left wing, concentrated in the "Young Socialists" or "JUSOS," is not convinced that parties to the left of the SPD are all that harmful. For the JUSOS, the most important thing is the commitment to socialism, and that may lead to alliances with the more extreme left. In any case, the rights of the extreme left must be protected.

The JUSOS have therefore opposed the "Radical Decree" that gives governments at all levels in the Federal Republic the right to reject for civil service appointments

(including teaching appointments) all persons who belong to parties or organizations, however legal, that do not accept the sanctity of the constitution. Personal records or statements of belief need not be considered.

The JUSOS attack the Radical Decree as antidemocratic, while the CDU attacks it as too mild to stifle those who would take advantage of a free society to subvert it. The Government is blamed for its indulgence, which allegedly encourages rioting and terrorism. In fact, enforcement of the decree is arbitrary, and individuals who are rejected for public employment in Bavaria, which is ruled by the Christian Social Union (as the CDU is called there), would probably be found perfectly acceptable in SPD-controlled Hamburg.

But the matter has become a political issue reaching far beyond the interests of the small numbers of people actually affected. Protests have even come from abroad, particularly from France. Alfred Grosser, the well-known French historian of Germany, has suggested that the Federal Republic was "freer" ten years ago than it is now. French Socialist leader Francois Mitterand has also protested. In Bonn, Foreign Minister Genscher has countered that most of the protests came from supporters of "popular front alliances" in their own countries.

AND THAT is a point. The Radical Decree, aimed almost entirely at members of the small and mutually

antagonist Communist parties, is possible in West Germany only because Communism is an issue here — but the Communists themselves are politically powerless, and are likely to remain so indefinitely. This sets Germany drastically apart from France and Italy.

Germany is now debating just how much serious dissent it can tolerate. The general line of the CDU/CSU is that there is a direct connection between the Government's indecision on the question, the Marxist rhetoric of the JUSOS, and the rioting in Frankfurt and Baader-Meinhof-style bombings and kidnappings. The danger represented by terrorists is identified with that danger coming from "collectivist" tendencies with the SPD.

This tactic has been used before by the CDU, without too much success on the national level. It may be more successful this time, for two reasons.

Much of the "anti-Communist" segment of public opinion tends to lump the JUSOS together with other obnoxious Marxist fauna — and the JUSOS are much more in evidence, within the SPD, and much more obviously Marxist, than in previous elections. And the internal dispute over the Radical Decree and related matters has torn the SPD apart, and given the electorate an impression of weakness, bickering, and incompetence that must be overcome by Schmidt's personal popularity if the party is to maintain itself.

Azevedo's grave condition places election in doubt

LISBON. — Interior Minister Vasco Almeida e Costa took over as Portugal's temporary premier yesterday as the nation waited to see if Sunday's presidential elections would be held on schedule.

The 44-year-old navy commander was named temporary premier by President Francisco da Costa Gomes after Premier Jose Pinheiro de Azevedo, one of four candidates for president, remained in grave condition from a heart attack.

A medical bulletin from the hospital in Oporto, the city where Azevedo was stricken on Wednes-

day, said the 59-year-old admiral recovered consciousness yesterday morning. It said his condition remained grave. Doctors refused to speculate about recovery.

Costa Gomes named Almeida e Costa after a meeting of the Military Revolutionary Council, Portugal's supreme advisory body.

Besides concern for the life of the premier, the government was occupied with the possibility of having to postpone the presidential elections, the first since the overthrow of the old rightwing regime two years ago. A new law requires automatic postponement if a candidate dies without withdrawing before the polls open.

The campaign ends today, also the withdrawal deadline. Azevedo's campaign managers insisted he was staying in the race.

But a practical political assessment by other party officials was that the premier's votes would go either to front-runner General Antonio Ramalho Eanes, or simply not be cast.

Most political experts forecast Eanes now would get a first ballot victory if Azevedo's followers turned to him. Eanes is backed by the three main parties — the Socialists, Centrist Popular Democrats and Conservative Centre Democrats. The other candidates are Communist Octavio Pato and radical left-wing Major Otelio Saraiva de Carvalho. (AP, Reuters)

HADASSAH will hold its 62nd annual national convention from August 15 to 18 in Washington. About 2,500 delegates, representing 350,000 members from more than 1,500 chapters and groups throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico, will attend. Rose E. Matzkin of Waterbury, Conn., national president, will preside.

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BRIDGE / George Levinrew

An unusual defence

Love all

North

West (D)

East

South

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass Pass 3 4

All Pass

AT THE RECENT World Bridge Olympiad, for the first time, the International Bridge Press Association awarded a "brilliance prize." This was won by Ron Klingner of Australia in the West seat on today's deal from the Australian match against the U.S.

East won the opening spade lead and returned a trump to cut down declarer's ruffing power in the dummy. Declarer, on the trump lead, played the queen in order to be in his hand if West ducked, as he did. Had West not ducked, the contract would easily have been won after pulling trump, by running the diamond suit.

Declarer now ruffed a spade in the dummy and played a club, on which East played low. Had South made the unlikely play of the club ten, he could have made his contract; but he made the natural play of the club queen, which West won with the ace. A club was then played to the king in dummy, and declarer followed by ruffing a club. Now he played the trump ace and another trump to West's king. Here was the position with West on lead:

West

North

East

South

Klingner made the only play that could set the contract, the magnificent lead of the diamond king. Declarer of course won with the lead.

ace led a diamond to his jack, pulled the last outstanding trump and had to lose a spade.

LOGICAL BRIDGE PLAY by H. W. Kelsey, published by Faber and Faber, 3 Queen Square, London WC1, 192 pp., 1976, £4.50.

The expert, in training for a championship tournament, will find this book very helpful. Over 140 problems in play are presented. In each problem the reader, as declarer, sees his hand and the dummy, and is asked to plan the play before reading the solution. The problems are varied, and many are difficult to solve. They are divided into 11 chapters illustrating different aspects of play such as counting, placing the lead, finding an entry, timing.

The non-expert can also benefit from this book. He notes how the expert thinks, how he uses the information available to reach the conclusions that lead to making the best play. All players, through working at these problems and learning how to solve them, sharpen their ability to "think bridge."

Kelsey demonstrates most successfully that bridge is a logical game.

Here is one example from the book (p. 103):

Love all

West

North

East

South

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass Pass 3 4

All Pass

South leads the spade queen. This seems to place the spade king with North, and South for his opening bid should have the heart king and the diamond ace. Declarer must win a diamond ruff in dummy for his 10th trick. As declarer, how will you manage this?

If you play a low diamond, North can probably win and play a trump. If South has three trumps, he can pump with trumps on winning the heart king and a second diamond lead by declarer. However, if you play the diamond king after winning the spade ace, you are safe. The opponents cannot exhaust your trump from dummy before you are able to trump a third diamond

WHEN I eventually become a mysterious octogenarian multimillionaire, I shall endow vast prizes for people making the sanest remarks, or performing the weirdest actions, calculated to prove my theory that Voltaire has taken over up there in the sky, and is playing sardonic jokes on mankind. The first candidates for my prizes will undoubtedly be President Gerald Ford and Dr. Henry Kissinger, for the fulsome gratitude they expressed to the PLO terrorists for providing such gracious help in the evacuation of the dead bodies of the American diplomats, and the live bodies of the Americans still intact in Beirut.

When I saw the two great American leaders humbly fawning on the terrorists for their magnanimity, I was reminded of the man convicted of killing his father and mother, who pleaded for mercy on the ground that he was an orphan. If Ford and Kissinger had been judges, they would no doubt have burst out sobbing, and pardoned him on the spot. I could not help wondering whether the families and insurance companies of the deceased are as grateful to Arafat.

Other candidates for the Gillon Prize are the members of the Arab League, who arranged for their peace-keeping force, consisting of Syrians and Libyans, to take over from the Syrians. The first time I heard this on the radio, I chuckled happily, thinking that the announcer had made a blunder, and had said "Syrians" instead of "Saudians," or

something like that.

But the Syrian takeover from the Syrians became confirmed by reiteration, and eventually I read it, black on white, in the newspapers. Now my conditioning is such that I don't swallow everything I see on television or hear on the radio, but what I read in hot print I accept as irrefutable.

So now I am trying to imagine the takeover scene. Did the Syrian commander, holding the Syrian flag in his left hand, solemnly lower it, while in his right hand he raised the banner of the Arab League? Did he salute himself? Were mirrors used? Somebody certainly deserves a prize.

Also vying for the Gillon Prize are the organizers of medical relief for the Lebanese on the northern border. The same friend swears that she will disguise herself in a Beduin outfit with veil, and go up to the frontier, because it seems that the Lebanese can get straight to a doctor, without needing to get a number from the Kupat Holim clerk. She reckons that theirs must be the fastest medical contact ever established in Israel. "THEY THEIR HOUR," run by somebody whom I will call X, for reasons I will make clear in the final

ON THE AIR / Philip Gillon

The Gillon Prizes

paragraph of this article, was devoted to a subject very dear to my heart: sport. But I must warn again that no subject can bear three hours of solid treatment, especially as he is prone to be somewhat prosy himself; he either has to shorten the programme, or reconcile himself to not all the viewers seeing all the show all the time.

His theme however, was particularly apt, since his programme came hard upon the happiest news shots we have seen in many a weary year — the triumphant return home with the cup of Betar Jerusalem, and the midnight takeover of the capital by their wildly enthusiastic supporters. The television shots were vivid and moving enough to make us laugh happily, but were all too short. Veteran Jerusalemites told me that for unrestricted and spontaneous merriment the occasion vied with the first anniversary of Independence Day, before the festivities became over-organized; TV should have gone on, and on, and on. The only fly in the Jerusalem ointment is that those idiotic Betarniks let the League slip through their fingers the previous Saturday.

I thought that X's programme was a very good one, and did much to put

sport, in all its aspects, in the correct perspective. I was surprised, and delighted, that nobody mouthed clichés about the game being the thing, and winning being important, and other such bilge. Nor did anyone suggest that the purpose of sport is only to provide physical exercise: everyone concerned appreciated that it has profound mental and spiritual significance for both players and supporters.

A doctor, whom I will call Y, said that good sportsmen did not need only to be physically fit; they also had to be above the average in intellect, and capable of enormous self-discipline. All the sportsmen around endorsed this opinion, and so do I. The idiotic question as to whether one felt bad about losing provoked the correct answer from Z, that of course he did; there was all the difference between winning and losing. Another doctor, A, said we should not play tennis only once a week, but regularly, every day, excellent advice we would all like to follow, if this blasted work didn't interfere, and could, if we had daylight saving. Finally X — remember, the man running the show — told us to be participants rather than spectators. This too depends on the Minister of

Commerce winning his fight against the Minister of the Interior to get that precious extra hour.

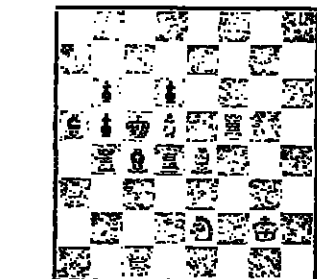
Another excellent programme, devoted to Germana returning from West Germany with our man in G many, B, doing a particularly good job. I wish they would run caption Hebrew for longer periods, for us of us whose reading rate is Hebrew speed, especially when words are against the backgrounds. It was curious to hear about benefits given to the return yordim, while the latter complain about unsympathetic treatment, the citizenry, rather like other people we know. Indeed, somebody's return was inspired by the last example.

FINALLY, the reason for all the hieroglyphics instead of plain Klila Ben-Amram, whom I am naming for Premier, has compelled that I spell her name wrong, which no way to initiate a political campaign. So has and so have other people. Apologies to everyone.

But I now go on record that, as much time as Israeli programmes get into the habit of repeating names loud, strong and clear, instead of mumbling first names, nicknames, and until they start writing the names on the screen every few minutes, and until they furnish me with correct spellings in English, only algebraic symbols to penetrate this column. No names, pack drill.

CHESS / Elyahu Shahaf

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A SUCCESS STORY comes from Safad, where a music foundation was founded last year and a music school was established. Now we can read its first report:

"Supported solely by the Community Centres Association, the school has a full-time director, a part-time secretary, 11 teachers, and some 180 pupils between the ages of seven and 17. All the teachers, mostly new immigrants, live in Safad or surrounding areas. There is an Accordion Band and a Marching Band. The school's instruments include three pianos, seven violins, two bugles and 17 snare drums, as well as five trumpets. Classes are being held in local schools until the central Music Building is completed. A.M.L.I. (Americans for a Music Library in Israel) will establish a library in the new building, its tenth in the country. Three concerts were given during the year, and a scholarship fund has been set up."

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A RARE TREAT for musical connoisseurs is in the offing: Romani's "Petite messe solennelle," the composer's last serious work, for four soloists, chorus, harmonium and two pianos, will be presented by local forces in three performances only (Acre — July 3; Jerusalem Theatre — July 7; Tel Aviv Museum — July 10). This work — a liturgical work of full dimensions but also rich in charm and joie de vivre — came to the knowledge of Jerusalem — the pianists Eden and Tamir when they were invited two years ago to perform it in Madrid with no lesser artists than Maureen Forrester, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Angeles Gulin and Paolo Barbaresi as soloists. For the local presentation they have selected Stella Richmond, Mira Zakai, Victor Schwartz and Tibor Herdan for the solo parts; the choir will be Stanley Sperber's Chamber Choir at the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem. Make a note of the dates and don't miss it.

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FILM REVIEW / Simson Carlebach

Echoes of violence

"Fast Driver" is not the kind of film which is made to please a general audience. It's a powerful, violent document about a loner in society who goes through a private psychosis which results in him seeking to destroy. It carries echoes of the violence so prevalent in American societies, especially the cases of a lone gunman opening fire — seemingly for no reason — on masses of unsuspecting victims.

The movie, which won this year's Cannes Best Picture award, is directed by America's hottest new talent, Martin Scorsese ("Mean Streets," "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore") and stars surely one of America's best young actors, Robert DeNiro ("Godfather II"). This assures the film a high technical quality, but it must be emphasized for those who are more concerned with overall effect, that it is not an easy picture to watch. Scorsese is not repeating the popular kind of picture that "Alice" was — neither with regard to theme nor technique.

Not only is there nothing light in

the picture, no pleasant interludes inserted to ease the tension, but the narrative development makes no conventional concessions to facilitate continuity or suspense. The story does not follow a coherent progression of stable events except insofar as they relate to the mind of the protagonist, who is a very unstable young man.

Scorsese's greatest talent is to take a story and raise it to a broader realm of meaning. His pictures are not so much about particular people as they are about the general feeling of the times, being comments on the way a American society has evolved and the unhappy stage it has come to. This is one reason why Scorsese is so promising a director. Nevertheless, "Fast Driver" he may be sacrificing his audience to his art. For like "Mean Streets," also about the New York desperate footloose, the critical raves have not resulted in a box-office success. Unless one's friend happens to be a cinema freak, this is not the kind of picture to recommend as a way spending an evening out.

Bing's demi-centennial

LONDON. — Bing Crosby at 72 strolled casually last Monday night through what he called the most important engagement of his life — his first appearance on a London stage.

It was a milestone in another way — Crosby's 50th anniversary in show business. He began his career as a family along to sing and dance through an evening which spread a nostalgic glow through a packed London Palladium audience, which rose cheering in appreciation.

"I'm sort of celebrating my demi-centennial," Crosby said. He first sang in public 50 years ago this month, and has made himself a legend.

Crosby's only previous public appearance in London was a very different matter. Bombs were falling then, and wartime air raid wardens worried about the fans clustered at a restaurant where Crosby was dining. Crosby persuaded them to disperse by singing "Fennel from Heaven" for them.

This time the fans who came prepared to wallow in damp-eyed nostalgia were fooled.

Crosby tipped a hat toward nostalgia at the beginning and the

end — a wartime newswreel of Bing opening London's Stage Door Canteen, then a long medley of old favourite songs.

But the rest of the three-hour show was new all the way. Bing waltzed a Crosby's 50th anniversary in show business. He began his career as a family along to sing and dance through an evening which spread a nostalgic glow through a packed London Palladium audience, which rose cheering in appreciation.

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PORTION OF THE WEEK

The wise wife of On

Sidra: Korah (Numbers 16:1-33) — "THE WISE woman builds up her home" (Proverbs 14:1) — This refers to the wife of On son of Pelet. She said to him: "What will you get out of taking sides? No matter who wins, Moses or Korah, you will still be only a follower." He said: "But I've already pledged my loyalty to Korah and his group." She said: "I know that every member of the community is holy" (Numbers 16:3). I will save you." She got him drunk on wine and put him to sleep inside the tent, and she sat herself at the entrance, after letting her hair down. When Korah's men came to fetch On and they saw her with her hair down they modestly turned back. That is how On was not swallowed up by the ground along with Korah and his band.

"SO MOSES rose and went to Datan and Aviram" (Numbers 16:25) — Resh Lakish said: From this we know that even if you are in the right, you should try to bring an end to a quarrel by placating the other party and not standing on your rights and honour. For Rav said: Whoever persists in a quarrel violates the injunction (Numbers 17:9): "...so that he shall not be like Korah and his band."

RABBA BAR BAR HANNA said: Once, when I was on the road, a nomad came along and said he would show me the spot where Korah and his band had been swallowed up. Soon there was a pair of cracks in the ground from which smoke erupted. He took some wool, soaked it in water, put it on the tip of his spear, held it over the cracks, and the wool immediately became scorched. He said to me: "Listen carefully." And I heard voices saying: "Moses and his Tora are true and we are liars!" He said to me: "Every 50 days Hell brings them past this spot. Like meat in a boiling pot, and here they declare that Moses and his Tora are true and they themselves are liars" (Bamidbar Rabba 18:20; Sanhedrin 109,110).

YALKUT SHIMONI comments on tomorrow's Haftara (I Samuel 22:14-22:23): When a public servant goes on a public mission, he is entitled to an expense account from the public till. But Moses and Samuel did not take any (Midrash Shmuel 14:9; Bamidbar Rabba 18:20).

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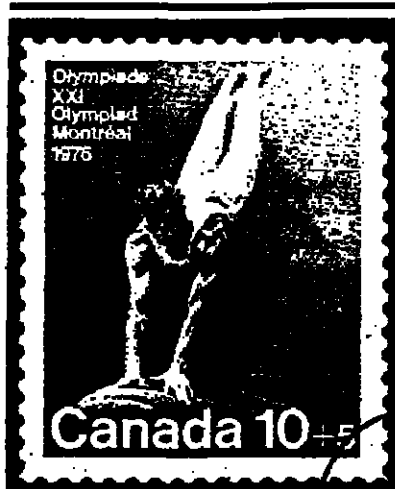
LAST FRIDAY Canada released the final set of three stamps marking the 21st Olympic Games, which begin in Montreal on July 7. Each of the stamps commemorates key ceremonies to be held at the 1976 Games. Thus the 5c stamp depicts the kindling of the Olympic flame; the 20c issue shows the opening ceremony with the entry of the national teams into the Olympic stadium; and the third stamp illustrates the award of the gold, silver and bronze medals.

Including this last issue, Canada has released a total of 35 stamps to help publicize the 1976 Olympics for which she is host. The releases began in September 1975 with a set of two stamps displaying the official emblem of the Montreal games. (This symbol appeared on the tab of the recently issued set of Israeli stamps marking the games.) In 1974 Canada released three stamps carrying the same symbol. Each of the stamps had a surcharge to be used to defray costs of holding the games.

Canada's 35 Olympic stamps have been received in number by only one other host country — Mexico —

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One of the 1975 Canadian set carrying a surcharge.

which issued 40 stamps between 1965 and 1968 to publicize the 19th Olympics. Aside from France, the U.S., Great Britain and Sweden, which issued no stamps when they were hosts for the event in 1900, 1904, 1908 and 1912 respectively, the fewest issues by a host country were released in 1932, when the U.S. issued only two stamps.

The modern Olympic Games were begun in Greece in 1896, and that country marked the event with 12 stamps which depicted events of the ancient games that began in 776 B.C.E. and were held every four years for the next 1,000 years. Between 1900 and 1968, no host country issued more than eight stamps. The attack on the stamp collector's pocketbook began when Italy released 14 stamps in honour of the 1960 Rome games. Japan then issued 25 stamps for the 1964 Tokyo games and the trend since has been to go higher.

Nearly all nations participating in the Olympics have released stamps marking their participation. Finally, hundreds of stamps have been issued over the years by countries having no connection with the Games. They usually release sets showing the winners of various events.

Israeli doctors do return

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

This year 25 doctors were given financial help ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, totalling \$50,000. All went to the U.S., or Canada under the sponsorship of the American Physicians Fellowship, Inc., the counterpart of the Non-Resident Fellowship, under the leadership of Dr. Emanuel Glazier, of Boston. (In former years, a few grants were given for post-graduate studies in France and Great Britain.)

Two main criteria are used to decide on the size of the allocation given to the Israeli doctor going to the States. The first is where he obtained a post. For the average salary of \$12,000 to \$14,000 a year goes much further in a medium-sized city than in New York; moreover, some training posts are so eagerly sought that the salary will be as low as \$10,000. Secondly, the grant is adjusted to the size of the doctor's family — if he is

married, if his wife works or if they have children.

The sums become grants upon the doctor's return to Israel. Otherwise, he has to pay them back.

The IMA wholeheartedly believes, Dr. Elian says, in sending physicians abroad for advanced training. "Israeli medicine cannot develop in a vacuum. Young doctors must get the widest possible experience. This means going abroad."

The American Physicians Fellowship also helps in another way, by providing research grants to Israeli doctors. In 1976, six doctors received grants totalling \$5,900.

The true counter-balance to sending young Israeli doctors abroad is to bring the leading names in medicine to Israel to hold annual "travelling seminars," with sessions in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beer-sheva. Such seminars have so far been held on: orthopaedics, cardio-vascular diseases, paediatrics, plastic surgery, ophthalmology, gynaecological endocrinology and reproductive physiology, urology and traumatic medicine (in 1975). In 1976, the subject will be neurology.

Moreover, the Israel Medical Association holds a scientific congress every three years to which outstanding lecturers (generally in English) are invited. These congresses attract participants from all over the world, and the 10th Congress, held in April, 1976, brought 450 doctors from 15 countries — including the first non-Jewish doctors, who came from Norway and Canada.

MUSIC REVIEW / Benjamin Bar-Am

Music Spectrum's fine finale

The Broadcasting Authority, Music Spectrum No. 4 Editor and musical director — Boris Berman. (Mussum, June 19). Boris Berman — harpsichord, piano and celesta; Adi Etzion — soprano; Vera Veldman — violin; Elisha Edelstein — piano; Wendy Elizer — flute; David Chen — viola and violon; Yoram Alperin — cello; Eli Helfort — clarinet; Elisha Avihail — oboe; Shlomo Rav-Ron — bass-clarinet. Each: Excerpts from "The Musical Offering"; Webern: 4 pieces for violin and piano Op. 7; 5 canons for soprano and piano Op. 7; 3 canons for soprano, clarinet, bass-clarinet Op. 16; 3 traditional rhymes for soprano, clarinet and violin Op. 17; Variations for piano Op. 27; 5 songs for soprano and piano Op. 25; Mozart: 3 pieces for harpsichord, written at the age of 8; Divertimento in B-flat Major K. 235 for harpsichord, violin and cello; Sonata in D Major for piano 4 hands; Adagio and Rondo for guitar, harmonica, flute, viola and cello in C minor, K. 417.

THE FINAL Music Spectrum of the season offered a most unusual fare. The combination of Bach, Webern and lesser-known Mozart is not only

a rarity, it is a challenge. The cerebral constructivism of Bach and Webern, revealing an amazingly broad common denominator, demanded the greatest concentration from performers and listeners alike. But the effort proved rewarding — all artists stood up fully to the severe demands and the audience responded warmly. This was particularly encouraging as the programme was, to the best of my knowledge, the most comprehensive Webern programme so far presented here.

In the 4 pieces for violin and piano, Miss Vera Veldman and Boris Berman achieved a tremendous differentiation of elements. Nothing was lost and each sound seemed to fulfil its function. This was Webern at his best. The vocal work, including the incredibly difficult five canons, in Latin, could have found no better or more dedicated performer

than Adi Etzion. The canons are the final abstraction of vocal music. The voice actually constitutes a third instrument and Miss Etzion's accuracy was as great as that of the two instruments. No less impressive was Berman's rendition of Op. 27: his rationally controlled emotional involvement equips him particularly well for Webern.

The second part of the concert, though presenting rarely performed and little known works by Mozart, seemed rather an anticlimax. I fully understand Berman's reasons for wanting to balance the provocative demands presented by Bach and Webern, with less demanding and lighter music. But the result seemed to work the other way round, it did not provide enough stimulation to keep the somewhat weary mind receptive enough. However there was one exception, the piano Sonata in C major, splendidly rendered by Irina Edelstein and Boris Berman.

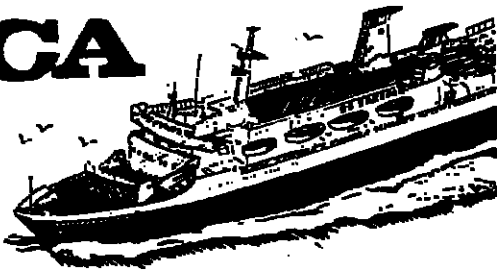
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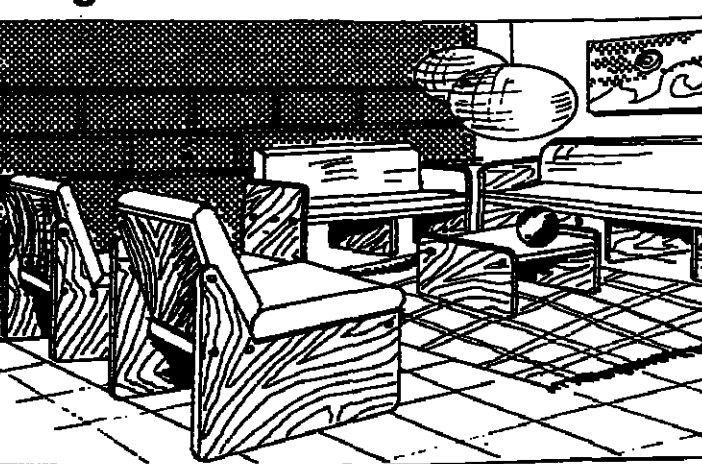
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PERHAPS it is because the Jewish folk-memory goes back to before the expulsion from Spain in 1492 that "pseudo-Spanish" has such an appeal for so many Israelis when it comes to furnishings.

This style — heavy dark carved wood ranging from chairs and settees to bedroom suites and units which climb up entire walls — exists in a myriad of forms. It can be found in the little shops in Tel Aviv's Herzl Street as well as in fancier furniture stores in the centre of town. (Some of it is made in El Arish). With it often comes fancy metal-work accessories — including portico gates to separate halls from living areas in modestly sized flats, on a scale worthy of the entrance to an imposing country mansion.

Other local horrors include fancy-patterned synthetic net curtains, upholstery in mock tapestry and nylon velvet. In a similar vein are the kitchens and bathrooms whose owners simply couldn't choose between fancy patterned Italian ceramics or vinyl wallpapers.

Another trend into which many consumers have been brainwashed by huge advertising campaigns is for wall-to-wall carpets. And of course, by the time you have all this, you cannot live without an air-conditioner to cool down the heat generated by it all.

Having already no doubt deeply offended, I must just pause to add that this is a purely personal view, and of course "taste" matters of taste.

Meanwhile, the problem remains: who and where are the few local designers or manufacturers producing distinctive lines in keeping with the pockets and way of life of the average Israeli. It may be that the current "Modern Living" exhibition in Tel Aviv will prove me wrong, but I found that though there are several large-scale furniture enterprises here capable of efficient mass production, and technically of very high standard, most seem to have a policy (or perhaps non-policy) of copying or adapting foreign designs.

But there are exceptions. I first met Gil Weiss at Alpha Furniture about eight years ago, when he launched his Alpha chair at the annual furniture display at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds. It stood out a mile as one of the few original and interesting designs, and won him a first prize in the Design Institute's competition. Taking the principle of a safari chair, he made a frame by his own method of linking metal and wooden sections, and upholstered it in canvas or leather, with cushions in canvas or corduroy.

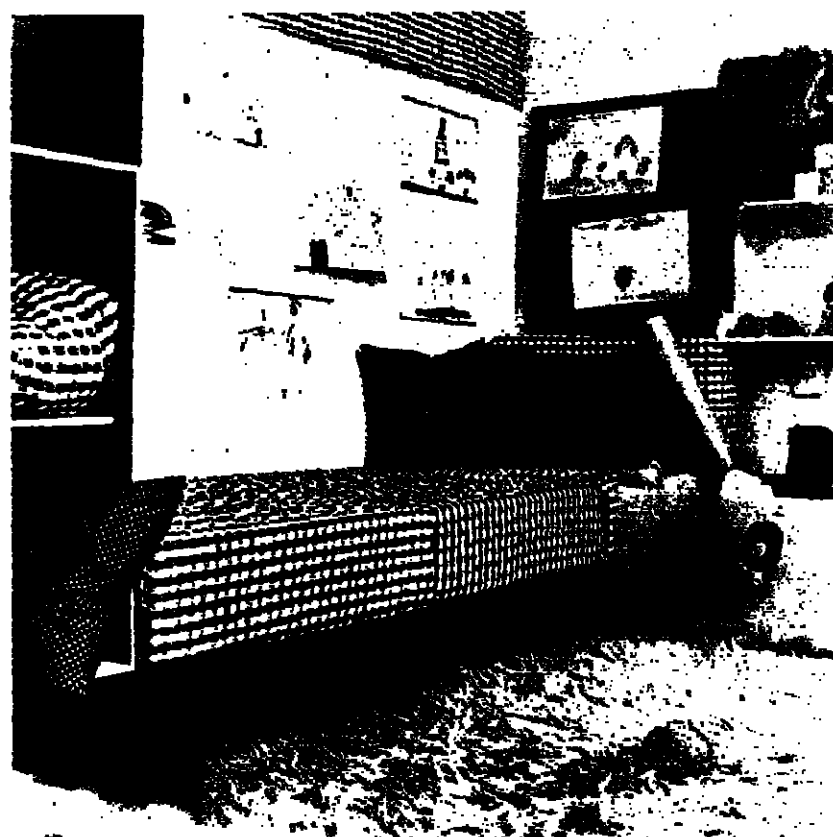
He managed to exploit the limited range of local materials at his disposal, and the chair, in its various forms, has been going strong ever since. A steady 500 are sold every month, for a price (about IL700 now) which is reasonable by any comparative standards.

The original Alpha chair has become something of a classic in Israeli furniture. You can find it in the waiting area at Lod Airport and other public buildings, and on display at the Israel Museum. Despite this, I found Gil somewhat pessimistic on the subject of furniture design.

"Commercially, good design is literally a drawback: if I were just out to increase my turnover, the best way would be to make something I considered really ugly. Because I have not been prepared to compromise, we have remained relatively small.

"Our customers are a tiny percentage of the market, medium income bracket and with definitely Western taste. There is a catastrophic lack of what I call home culture amongst the public at large, and commercial exploitation of sub culture.

Modern living



A prototype children's room at Young Danish, based on Erez's Sagi's plywood cubes system.

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER

"Take the growing trend for Do It Yourself shops, and Do It Yourself furniture, where you buy basic wooden components to paint or stain yourself. The principle is fine, especially in these days of rising prices, and it is encouraging that so many people are prepared to invest their own labour to save money. But what is happening? With the exception of one or two reputable companies, the public is being sold something which is admittedly cheap, but the quality of the materials is inferior to the Tuva crates from which people here in the twenties made their basic furniture regulations.

As a furniture designer and manufacturer, Gil says he has "more fun than profit." He cites the immense investment in a design and its various components before it is ready for the market. For a tubular metal frame chair, he may have to order several thousand frames as a minimum, and have a very large part of his working capital invested for months, until the remaining details of the chair have been prototyped, tested, adapted and are ready for sale. As an example, he shows a swatch of cotton canvas upholstery fabric, made especially for him, beige with an off-centre irregular stripe in brown tones — very nice, to my taste and his, representing a lot of investment in time, design and money — and not a mass sale item.

Like the original Alpha chair, most of Gil's designs are based on one ingenious but simple technical furniture production principle. The latest, used for modular component wall systems, trolleys, tables and bedroom furnishings, is what he calls the "joints" system: based on

the effect you get when you interlock the finger joints of both hands.

It looks rather like the plastic spiral bindings you see on exercise books. The rounded effect was just what he wanted to complement the rounded wood sections of his Alpha line. His newest "Beta" chair, still in the process of development, also used the same rounded wood pieces, combined with chrome tubing. For this he is developing a special cotton stretch, terry finish upholstery — like a strong, well-textured version of a car seat cover.

Although Alpha prices are, by comparison reasonable, Gil is not prepared to sacrifice standards for price. His complete bed and headboard unit sells for IL5,000. For IL7,000, he says, you can get a complete imported bedroom suite, including cupboards, but the mere fact that it is imported is no indication whatsoever of quality.

His advice to the many young couples, often kibbutzniks, who come to him, is to buy the minimal furniture requirements in your budget. If you can't afford a wall unit, don't go out and purchase the cheapest available one; make do with some building blocks and decent wooden planks: a perfectly good, functional and strong solution.

ANOTHER source of some good locally made furniture is Daniel Interiors. They too claim that they invest a great deal of time and research into design development, until the finished product is suitable for launching on the market. Daniel's Geoffrey Tollman works on the principle that "if we can make here, in our own workshops, furniture which is comparable in price and quality to what we import, we attempt to do so. In a way we are competing with ourselves, but I see that as healthy too.

"Similarly, with an imported line, we are sometimes prepared to copy, if we can do so at a lower price and

with the official license of the Scandinavian manufacturer concerned. In items like wall systems and many other types of furniture, it is just not feasible to compete."

He cites the example of a handsome leather easy chair: he sells the original for IL2,450. A certain manufacturer bought one from him and has launched a poor copy on the market, in plastic, not real leather, which sells for IL2,500. "I shall probably fight him with a straight advertising campaign to show him up," says Tollman.

On the question of customer acceptance of design ideas, and quality consciousness, Tollman is far more optimistic than Gil Weiss. In his experience, the average customer wants a better item, for which he is prepared to pay more — though he is often exploited.

Tollman believes the customer is also brainwashed, to an extent, against cheaper furniture made of chipboard, which comes in very varying qualities. There has been bad experience here because of poor quality, but when chipboard is sufficiently dense, made of the correct pressure and with good glue, it is a very good material, he says. But he notes plywood is considered kosher here.

House designer Erez Sagi has produced a wide range of modular seating for Young Danish. The cheapest is the Bames set, which is simply a foam mattress covered with well finished, nicely buttoned seat and back cushions, in as many seats as you like. It works out at IL1,576 for a three-seater, ideal for a teenagers room, in jeans or corduroy finish.

The disadvantage of the Bames is that, with no base, it must be used on a carpet. Slightly more expensive variations have wooden plinth bases, some with casters to raise them right off the floor, to cope with the problem of furniture getting wet and discoloured where it meets the wet floor rag during frequent floor washing. Another set has a solid pine slatted frame, with tables to match and a natural finish to leave as is, stain or finish.

"To try for the optimal finish at minimal price" is backed up by what he has to show, and his local lines now account for a monthly IL10m turnover, and 20 per cent of all sales. Also interesting is a pine cube range, starting at IL270 for a basic well finished open fronted cube, available with shelves, drawers and doors, and with a desk for IL400 to match. From this you can make up dozens of systems of storage and shelf systems. One similar principle is Erez Sagi's modular cube range for children's rooms.

A major trend which Tollman found in evidence at the last Colossus furniture fair was for cane furniture — and one that he has been quick to exploit here, perfect as it is for balconies and out. "People have always thought of cane as being for the balcony — now it is being used for bedrooms, living rooms, all over the house."

Daniel is selling the basic Gasa armchair (not an exclusive design) well finished in black, white, blue, green and other washable paint finishes. The same Gasa supplier is now making their lovely bed backs, night tables, shelf units and apsidistria type plant stands, available in natural or painted cane.

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IAI's empty control tower

THE MAJOR POINTS of criticism in the long-awaited State Comptroller's report on the Israel Aircraft Industries published yesterday revolve around two focal points: the unplanned financial overruns, to the tune of hundreds of millions of pounds, in the development and production of the civilian Arava and Westwind aircraft; and the more common or garden variety, the type of venality evinced in conflicts of interest, suspicious preferential treatment of one major supplier, the use of company workers on private work for senior managers, and clumsy attempts to conceal some of the firm's more questionable acts.

What links the two areas of criticism is the nagging question how best to effect the essential supervisory functions for such a large, defence-linked, technologically sophisticated enterprise as the IAI. It is specifically because of IAI's remarkable performance in growing from a relatively small aircraft overhauling firm to a major producer of highly sophisticated civilian and military aircraft, becoming in the process the single largest industrial employer in Israel, that the problem is so crucial.

The Comptroller devotes considerable space to the fact that the investment in the Arava and Westwind projects exceeded by far that originally planned and budgeted. IAI sources, and some independent but knowledgeable observers, retort on this point that such budgetary overruns are quite common in pioneering aircraft industries throughout the world and especially when a large component of original research and development is involved. The implication of some of these retorts is that, despite the best intentions and objectivity of the Comptroller's staff, they simply lack the expertise needed to fully appreciate the intricacies of such complex projects.

There would seem to be some validity to these comments in regard to the report's tendency to discount the invaluable expertise gained from the runaway investments in the two civilian projects for the later, crucially important, production of the Kfir fighter plane and Gabriel missile. But the possible weakness of the Comptroller's position on this specific point would seem, ironically, to support the major tenor of his findings. If the Comptroller is to be presumed not fully qualified to understand and criticize the IAI's activities, then the company's own board of directors should have been expected to do the job.

That it did not would seem to be implied in two points: the clumsy attempts to disguise the possibly justified Arava and Westwind losses through bookkeeping legerdemain; and the efforts to shut the mouths of potentially troublesome and vindictive works committee members who were speedily cashiered with bountiful severance pay ranging from several hundred to 800 per cent of that legally coming to them.

The IAI is one of Israel's most impressive technological and industrial achievements and these achievements undoubtedly redound to the credit of the men who founded and built up the company. No firm is sacrosanct, however, and it is specifically such large, sophisticated and sensitive firms that are most in need of independent supervision and effective criticism.

The problem is that in Israel's industrial and business reality boards of directors, whose main task such supervision should be, are generally shams. Several years ago, when the then Minister of Defence, Moshe Dayan, was trying to push through the appointment of Aluf Mordechai Hod as chairman of the IAI board, these efforts were fought tooth and nail by the company's management with the argument that an active chairman was an unnecessary and even harmful addition to the firm.

The inescapable lesson of the Comptroller's report is that the appointment of such an active, full-time board chairman, free of all suspicions of conflict of interest, who would head an equally active and independent board of directors in superintending the performance of the company's management, is an urgent need.

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Unacceptable restrictions

HAARETZ (Independent), referring to the Knesset's rejection of the 'Hausner bill' says that it is sad that while civil marriage would be in accordance with the socialist Zionist ideology of the Labour Party, its members allowed their conscience to be overruled by party discipline in order to avoid provoking the NRP. Noting that the issue has not led to the public involvement it would have done before the October war, the paper attributes this outcome to the effects of living in a state of siege, where all other issues are subjugated to the need to preserve unity. "But this feeling of being besieged could be alleviated more effectively by lifting the restrictions on our lives that a large section of the people no longer finds acceptable."

DAVAR (Hizladrut), discussing the talks being held in Bonn by Foreign Minister Allon, remarks that the main purpose is to foster economic ties — a kind of parallel to West Germany's participation in the dialogue between Europe and the Arabs — and ways to promote investments by private German entrepreneurs will be reviewed.

"While economic themes will predominate during Mr. Allon's current visit, with Israel desperately seeking to reduce the negative trade deficit, political issues cannot be ignored. The differences between the two governments over a territorial settlement and the future of the Palestinians are far greater than those on economic matters."



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VIEWPOINT

AN ALIYA ETHOS is not a function of three-year emissaries' haranguing Jews abroad about their spiritual and material privileges and duties. There may even be a negative correlation between the two: the more we harangue, the less they seem to come. And in those few bullish years after the Six Day War, when we were haranguing less, they came in larger numbers than ever. And too many of those who do come say they have done so "in spite of the shahid" who dealt with them in Memphis, Cleveland, or Boston.

An aliya ethos is a function of long-range Jewish education. It is a function of Jews coming to grips with their Judaism. That term connotes a combination of their Judaism, Jewishness, and affinity to the history of the Jewish People as a 3,500-year-old, global people, which was exiled from its homeland some 20 centuries ago, which throughout its exile maintained a continuous physical presence in, and an infinitely stronger spiritual and emotional connection with, the homeland, and which finally returned to restore its sovereign national life there. Of all the odd phenomena in history, one of the oddest and most unique, is the story of Return after twenty centuries of exile. As has been pointed out by the late Ya'acov Herzog, Prof. Nathan Rotenstreich, and others: Zionism is the only national movement based on Return.

None of this can be transmitted by aliya emissaries under the present system. The most devoted, knowledgeable and efficient of them has his hands full running an office; handling the paper work he must do for prospective olim and the flow of paper between his office and the Aliya Department in Jerusalem; interviewing prospective olim; and answering their practical questions: organizing Aliya Committees and Aliya Months; addressing groups that want him to tell them not only about their "rights" but also when Israel is going to loosen the Orthodox stranglehold or when the Law of Return will be amended to conform to Halacha, when Israel is going to give back the West Bank or why Israel does not annex Jordan, Iraq, and Samaria, and what inside information he has on the situation in Lebanon.

Abolition of the present aliya-

Haranguing will not bring olim to Israel. There is a job that aliya emissaries can perform: they can help Jews abroad come to grips with their Judaism. But that job calls for a different type of emissary, writes MOSHE KOHN.

The medium is the message in encouraging aliya

emissary system might also be a step towards a drastic revision of the entire emissary system that is based on the Israel party key. Most of our politicians do not like the idea, but it is a fact that Diaspora Jewry simply does not divide up according to the results of our Knesset elections. And there is no reason why the message of Israel — which for Diaspora Jewry and for much of the world at large is the message of the totality of the Jewish People and Jewish history, and not merely that of a particular geopolitically defined state — should have to be carried by people assigned to the task in proportion to the number of backers they have in Knesset.

The party key would seem to be at least partly responsible for a situation that is disturbing some Knesset Members. In a discussion of the emissary situation now being held in the Knesset Labour Committee, Mrs. Matilda Ghez (Labour) wondered why the Jewish Agency Youth and Hehaluts Department is headed by a man — her Labour comrade, Mordechai Bar-On — who is in the habit of issuing statements which, as she put it, contradict cardinal Zionist principles concerning the Jewish People's rights to and in Eretz Yisrael. Mr. Mattatya Drobles (Likud) wondered why an emissary of Mr. Bar-On's department in Rome, serving there on the Hashomer Hatzair key, considers it his duty to distribute leaflets in the Italian Capital protesting against the "Israeli occupation in the Territories." Even if one agrees with Mr. Bar-On's views and with the sentiments of that leaflet, one may wonder whether publicly issuing such statements is precisely the job of a

man in his position, and whether distributing such leaflets is precisely the job of a Jewish People's official emissary.

HAVING ABOLISHED the present aliya-emissary system, shall we do without emissaries altogether? No. A system should be worked out in which aliya-emissary work is incorporated into our national reserve-duty system. Carefully selected people should be called up to do at least one stint of reserve duty every few years as emissaries abroad. The period of such duty should be of standard reserve-duty length.

During such an emissary's 4-5 weeks abroad, he will not be expected to sit even one minute in an office performing the various bureaucratic tasks that emissaries now have to do. All this will be the task of the local "Aliya Corporation," in cooperation with an especially assigned official at the nearest Israel embassy or consulate and with the relevant authorities and olim association in Israel. The task of such an emissary will be not to "promote" aliya directly, but to tell the Jewish-Zionist story as personified in his own life and experience in Eretz Yisrael; to stimulate those Jews to ask questions about their lives as Jews in Galut (Exile) and about his life as a Jew in the homeland; and even to stimulate them to ask questions about the meaning of Israel's internal and external socio-political problems in light of the Exile-Return dialectic of Jewish history. This, of course, cannot be done in terms of the latest "Handbook for Olim" or of the latest disturbing editorial in the

"Washington Post" or "The New York Times." It can be done by discussing the writings of Ya'acov Herzog: Professors Rotenstreich, Mordechai Kaplan, and Eliezer Schweid, Aris Eliaz, A.B. Yehoshua, Amos Oz, Rabbi Yehuda Amital, David Ben-Gurion, Berl Katznelson, Nahman Syrkin, Yosef Haim Brenner, Ber Borochov, Avraham Yaari, Herzl, and Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Kallischer, Yehuda Alcaiz, and Avraham Yitzhak Hacohen Kook.

Will we get enough such people to maintain continuous emissarial presence in various regions, as we are now doing? We will not. But we will not need such a presence. Because we will not want it. A continuous presence of the sort being proposed will be too much for the Jews of a particular area to digest. No area should have such an emissary more than two or three times a year — a different one each time for the usual 4-6 weeks of Israel reserve-duty. In the interim period, those Jews — at least a few of them — will, I hope, have been inspired to discuss the matter with each other, read the writings mentioned — more of which, by their demand, will have been translated into intelligent English, French and Spanish — and think things out for themselves.

WHEN THOSE JEWS start making up their minds and start considering the practical aspects of aliya, they will, as noted, have the local "Aliya Corporation," which they will themselves have established, to provide guidance and help. In this way, "Israel" will have been freed of her role as scapegoat for all the little things that go wrong and cause peo-

ple to pack up and "go home" to the Diaspora.

Another important feature of the system is that it will no longer be based on public tenders or, most important, on the eagerness of olim to go abroad for two or three years to serve the Jewish People a State of Israel; or on the desire of some loyal party worker and party chiefs that at last his deary turn has come to go abroad, to Shanghai-La known as Hootsney or Hool.

The emissaries who will go abroad to perform the mission I propose under the system I suggest will, it is clear, be of a very special caliber: living very full lives, and, like, vegetarians — especially the creatively busy with their civil pursuits — fairly beating the bushes of going. But, being the people they are, go they will, and they will not to love it. Because they will be themselves doing something not vital for the security of Israel and Jewish life generally than some them now do during their reserve stints. And in thus helping to end the lives of those Diaspora Jew their own lives will become enriched. As a result, having gone abroad in the first instance, as emissaries the State of Israel, they will return home as emissaries of the Jewish People to the Jews of Israel. Until too many of the present emissaries who come home bringing a mass of contempt for the task of having they did for 2-3 years and: the Jews who came to them to be centified.

And when such an emissary is asked up for another stint abroad two three years after his previous stint he will be assigned to a different region. To the Jews of this area will now bring not only the mess of Israel, but also that of the Jews served during his previous stint.

An emissary system of this sort will not only enrich the lives of Jews everywhere, it will also — as a result — bring about a steady increase aliya, and an aliya of a sort that even turn us veteran Israelis ag into olim — "upgraders."

This is the second of two articles. The first appeared yesterday.

READERS' LETTERS

OUR MISSION IS NOT TO CONVERT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The Reverend John Fasano asks why all the fear and fuss over Christian missionaries in Israel (June 11). I am a Catholic priest and perhaps I am not fully qualified to answer his query. But I feel that there are a few points which Christians should keep in mind when speaking of the conversion of the Jews.

Firstly, the Jews have surely suffered enough over the past two millennia from our conversion efforts. Whether well-intentioned or not, Christian attempts at conversion, when met with understandable resistance, have been quickly transformed into virulent anti-Semitism.

In the second place, the people I have come across since coming to Israel who want to convert the Jews to Christianity have generally been Christians of very fundamentalist type with little or no solid basis in theology. I would venture to suggest that a re-founded nation less than 30 years old trying to re-establish its ethnic ethos in a modern world can ill afford outside influences of this emotional, high-powered evangelistic genre.

Thirdly, we Christians must remember that we are late-comers to the truth, as St. Paul points out, and that Israel is the chosen people. When I see Moshe or Rivka in the streets of Jerusalem, I know that their fathers knew God some thousands of years before St. Patrick introduced my somewhat barbaric forebears to him. It would be sheer arrogance on my part to start preaching to my older brothers, I feel. The Jews are God's Chosen People and we would do well not to pretend to know a mystery which, as the Epistle to the Romans points out, we cannot understand.

Finally, by concentrating on high-flown and elusive goals such as the conversion of the Jews to Christianity, we Christians are missing the real mission which is staring us in the face. That mission consists of helping the Jewish people to achieve freedom, peace and security after 2000 years of dispersion and persecution. I am often distressed when I find Christian pilgrims coming here with no real notion of why the State of Israel exists and hardly any consciousness of the Holocaust and our part in it.

I do not conduct Christian pilgrimages here, but if I were a guide, I would first take all pilgrims to Yad Vashem before they visited the Christian Holy Places. Only after such a visit can Bethlehem, Gethsemane and Calvary cease to be mere locations where something happened a long time ago. After Yad Vashem, these sites, hopefully, could then reapproach us for failing to live up to the ideals of love which they express.

Our mission is not to convert. Our pressing task is to guarantee this people security and freedom in a world which has largely abandoned them.

PETER NICHOLLS

Jerusalem.

FRENCH SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — According to Jack Maurice's report of May 21, "some 50,000 French Jews on Sunday demonstrated their support for Israel." I am not absolutely sure of the exact number, but according to the French U.J.A. which sold the tickets, the number would be closer to 100,000.

May I add that not only French Jews but many French Christians participated in the rally. It is not necessary to be a Jew to love Israel. We, French, Christians and Jews, feel close to you. It is not only which matter to us, but your spirit. Your fight for peace is ours.

RENÉE WATHIER, Secretary General
Committee of French Friends of Israel
Paris.

THE DOG NUISANCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We in Herzliya Pituah wish we had public officials as vigilant as those in Jerusalem ("Dogs owners and the Law" June 16). In our area, dogs with collars, "beloved" pets, run about the neighbourhood freely, terrorizing local residents and visitors and not infrequently

biting a passerby. Warnings to the dogs' owners are often met with hostility. It is not the "depth of barbarism" to take measures against dogs. It is the "depth of barbarism" to prefer dogs to humans.

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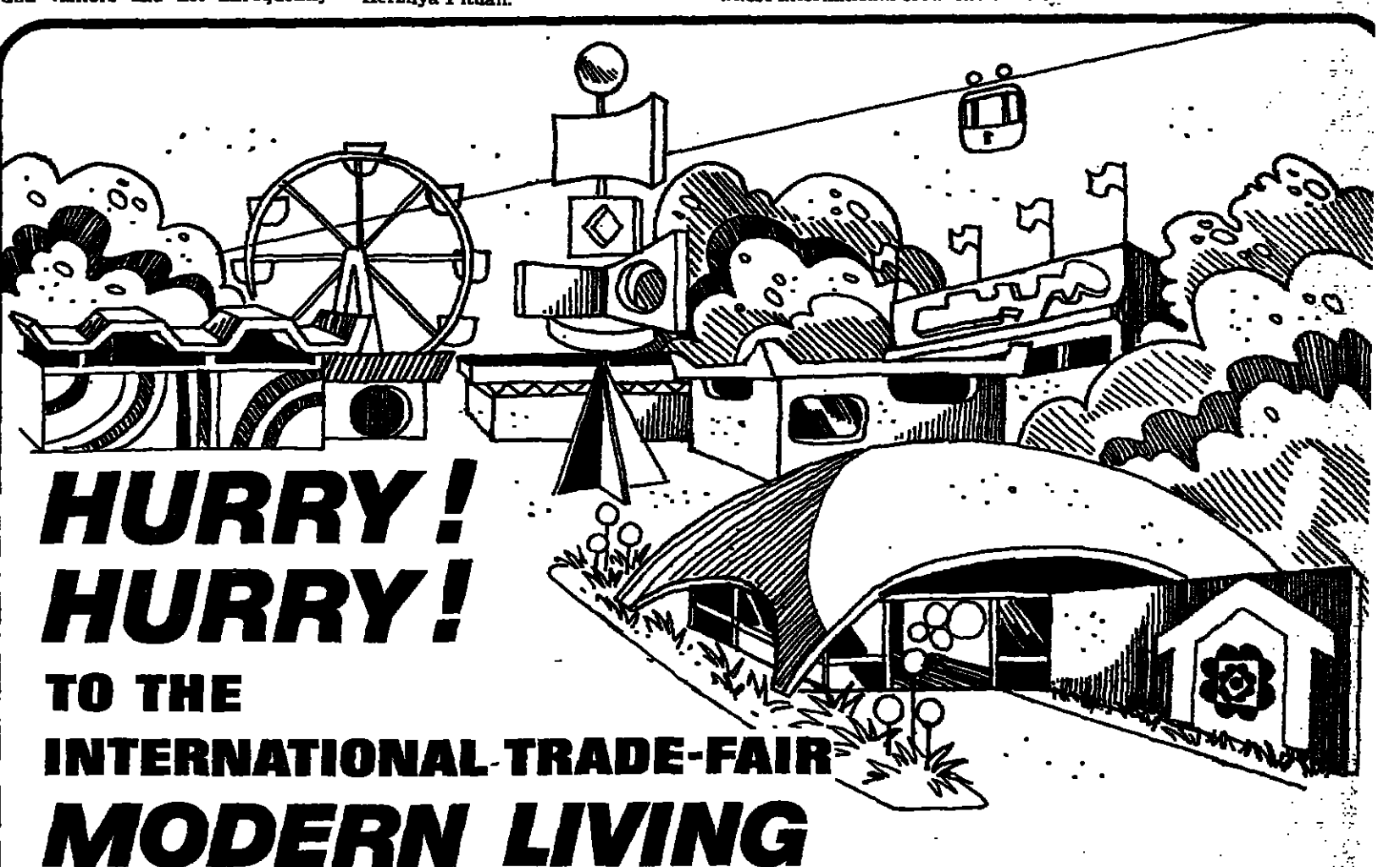
JAMMING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to Mikhail Agursky's article, "Aggression by jamming" (June 10), I wish to point out that Israel Broadcasting transmissions are jammed not only in languages spoken in the Soviet Union. We seem to have the dubious distinction of being the only country whose international broadcasts in its

own language — Hebrew — is jammed by the Russians, thus making their reception next to impossible all over the world.

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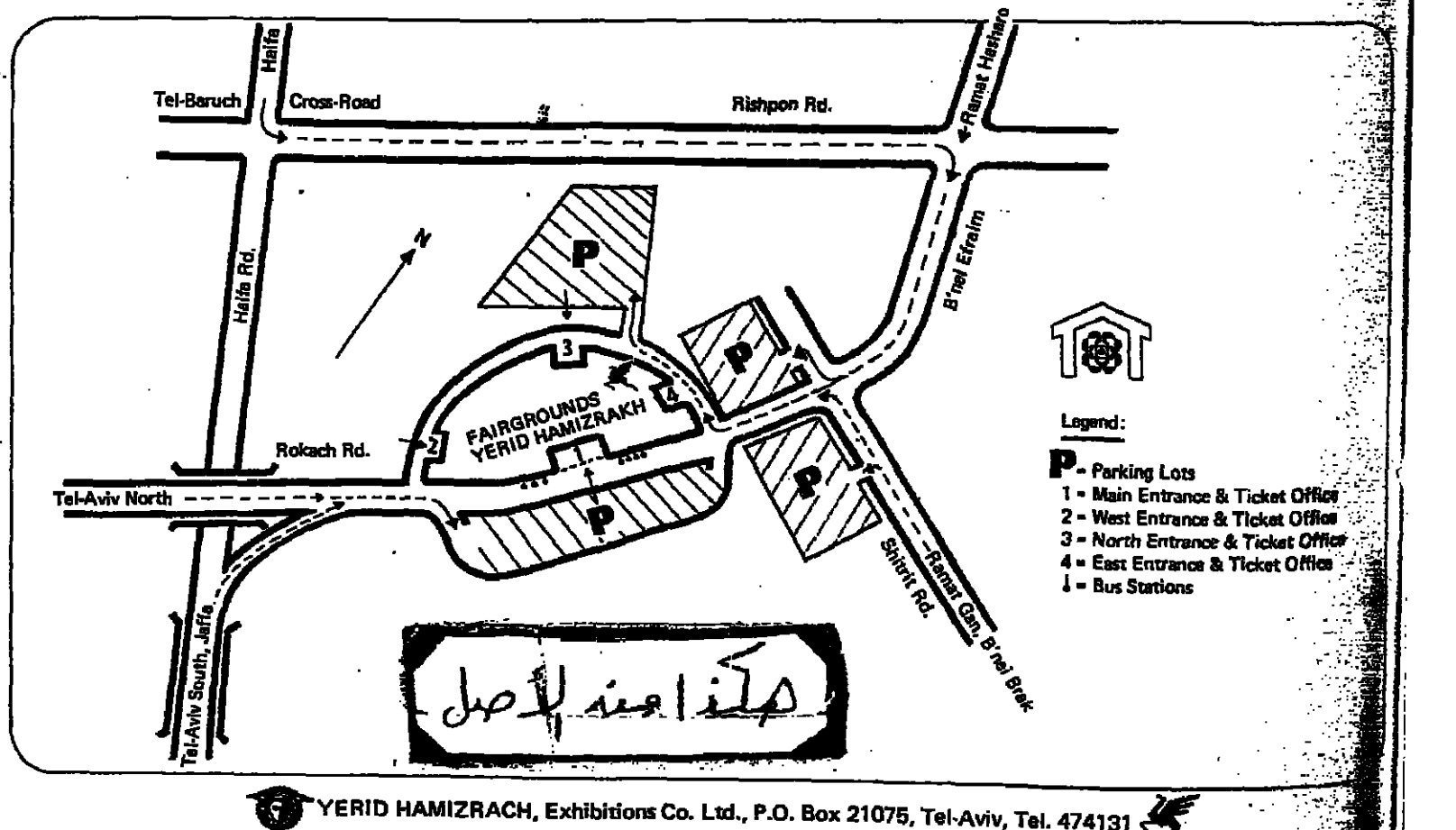


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